

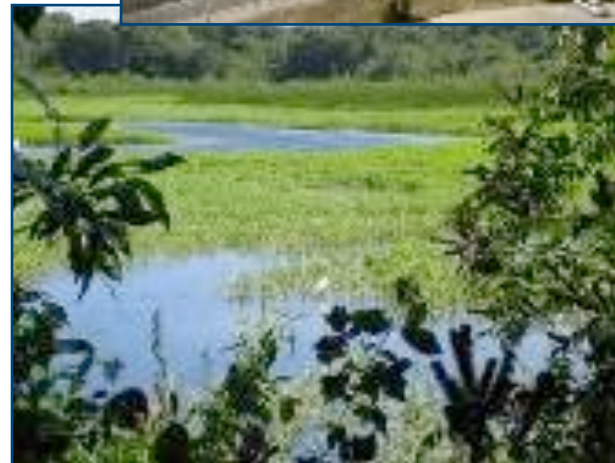


Tools for Land Use Decision Makers

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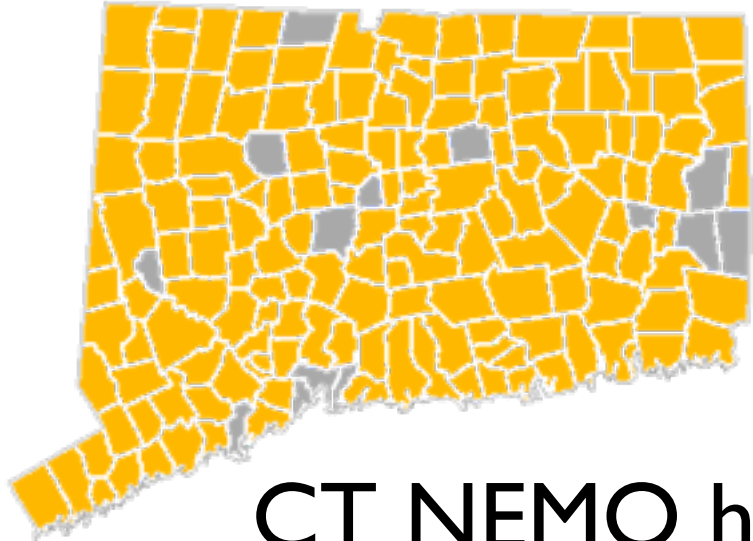


Research, Tools & Training, Outreach



A focus on community officials





The CT NEMO Program

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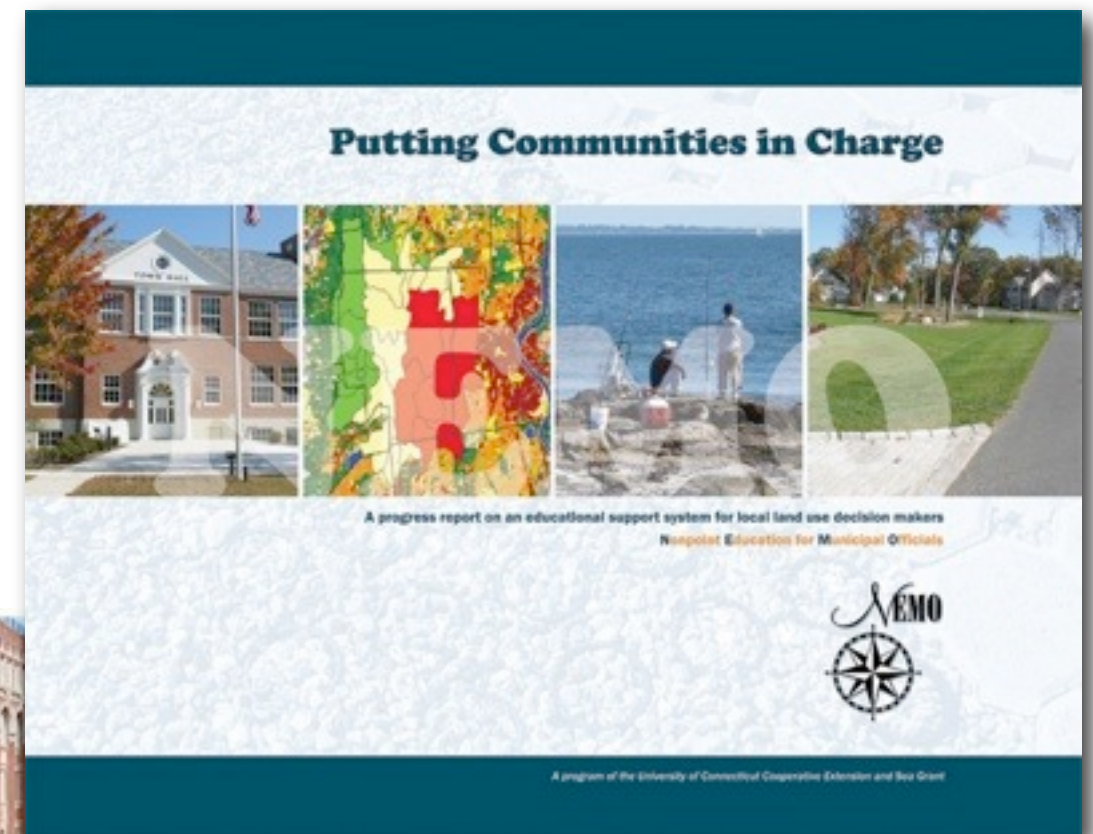
Comprehensive planning

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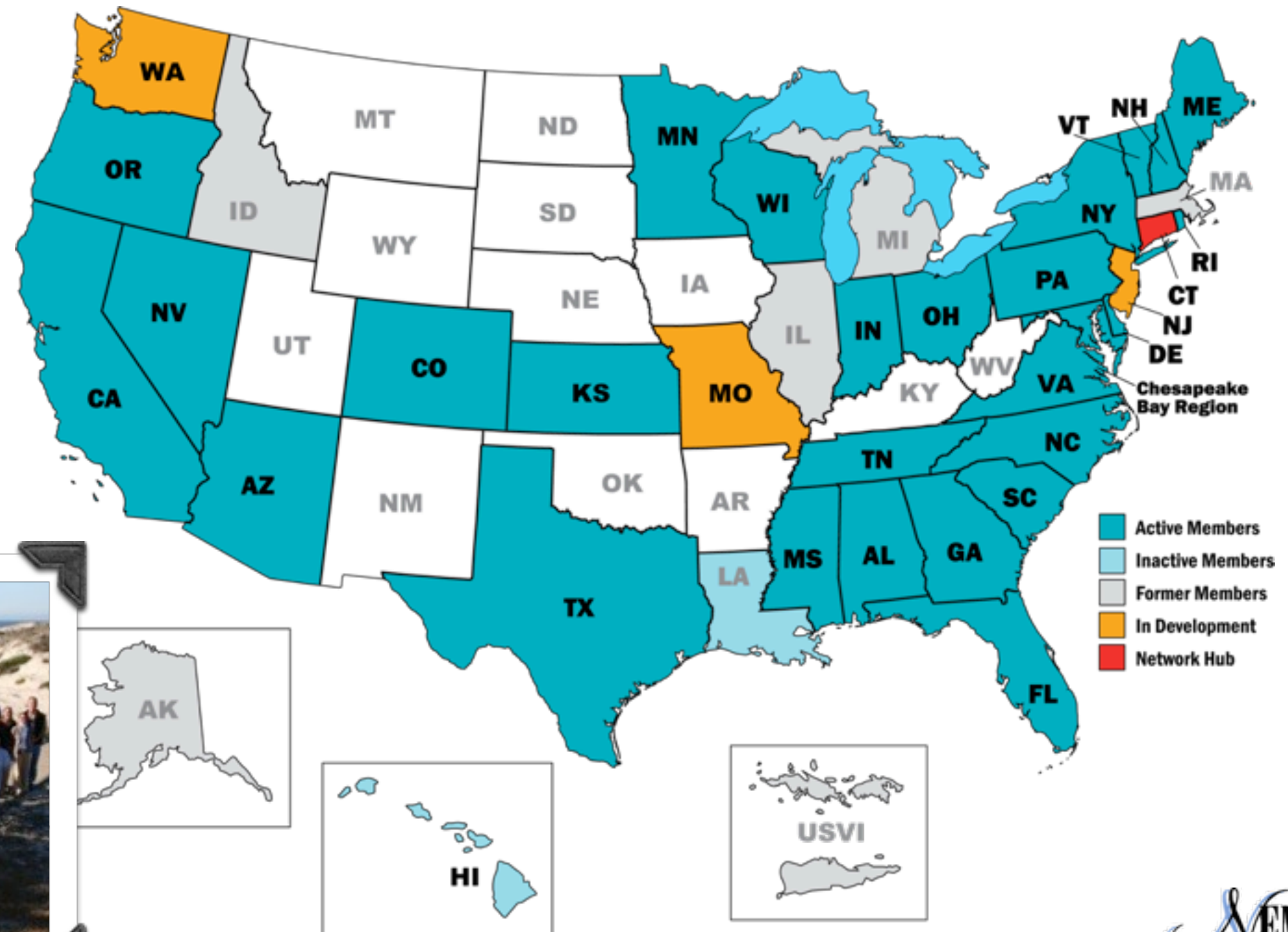
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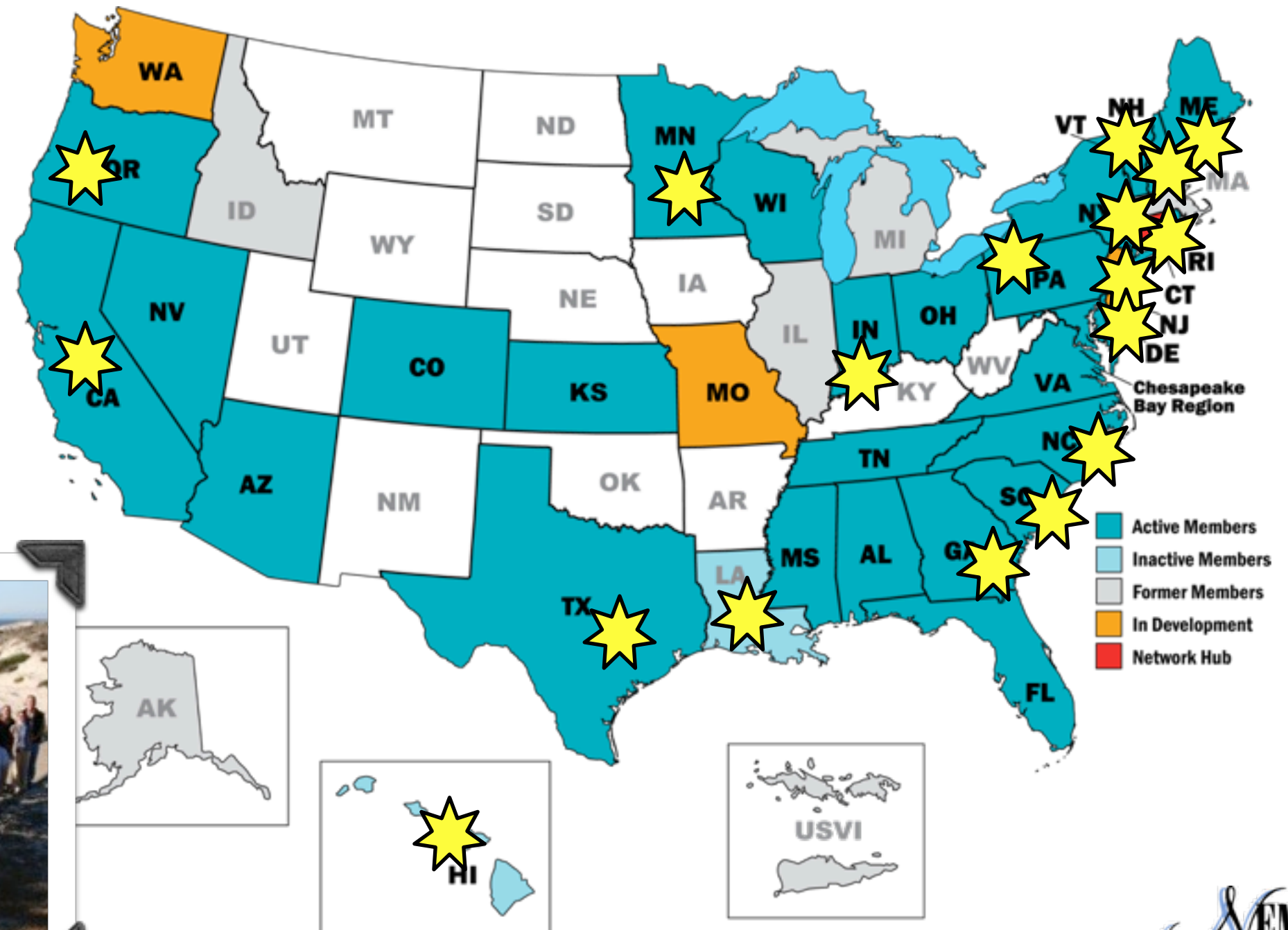
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Catalyzing change at the local level



Spotlight on South Carolina

Jasper County's Natural Resources Conservation Plan

Under the NEMO mantra of natural resource-based planning, communities are encouraged to (1) conduct an inventory of natural and community resources, (2) use the inventory in developing both open space and economic development plans, and then (3) integrate all of that into a community's comprehensive plan. SC NEMO's work with Jasper County epitomizes this approach.

Jasper County is a predominantly rural county of 24,000 people just outside of Savannah, Georgia with abundant natural and cultural resources. In the face of tremendous projected growth, local officials and residents were concerned that the county's planning policies and zoning ordinances were ill-equipped to adequately balance the expected growth with protection of the area's natural resources.

SC NEMO, in collaboration with numerous partners, helped convene a county-wide conservation planning effort. The effort included more than 100 stakeholders representing local and regional government officials and staff, state and federal resource agencies, nonprofit conservation organizations, local businesses, private landowners and concerned citizens. The effort was timely in that it was undertaken just as the county began revising the countywide comprehensive plan.

The first step in this conservation effort was to conduct a **natural resource inventory** to assess the natural resource and conservation assets and needs of the county. The inventory was then used to set community conservation goals in the **Jasper County Natural Resources Conservation Plan**. The plan identifies fragile ecosystems and other priority areas for protection; provides innovative solutions for protecting them; assists with directing future growth to appropriate areas; and in general, serves as a guidebook for residents, developers and local officials on how to preserve the rich heritage and quality of life in the county.

The stakeholder involvement helped provide strong support for the conservation plan. In fact, the entire natural resources conservation plan was included as an appendix to the county's revised comprehensive plan and many of the goals, objectives and strategies were integrated into the natural resources element of the comprehensive plan.

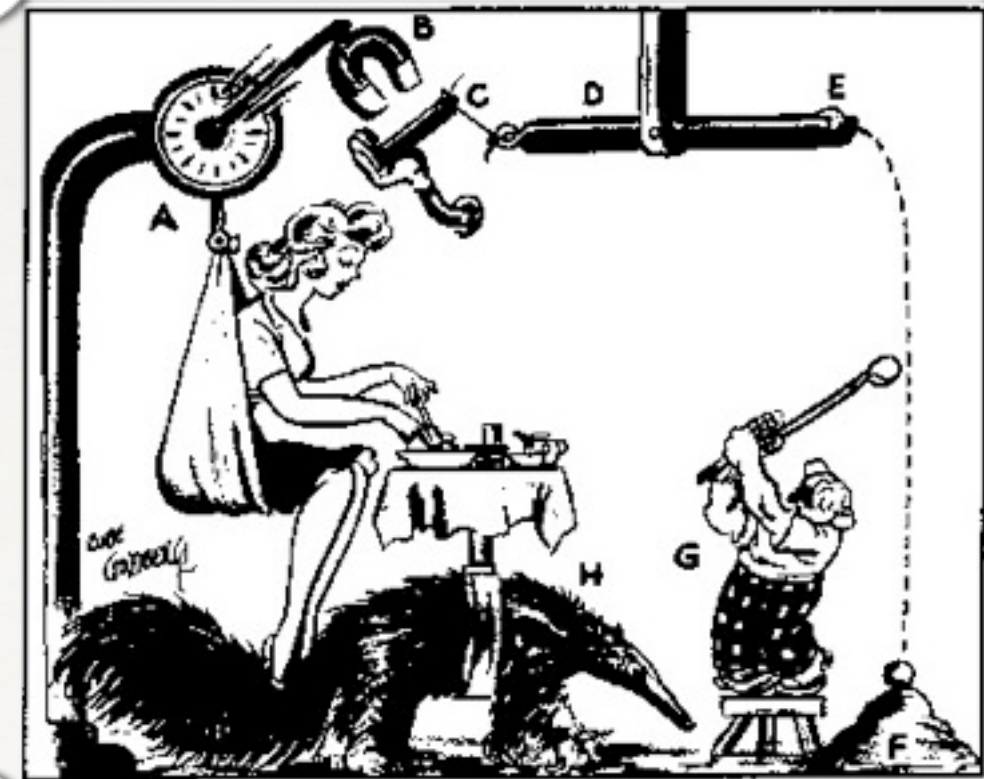
Jasper County, South Carolina created a natural resource inventory which serves as a guidebook for community resource protection, development planning and the preservation of quality of life.

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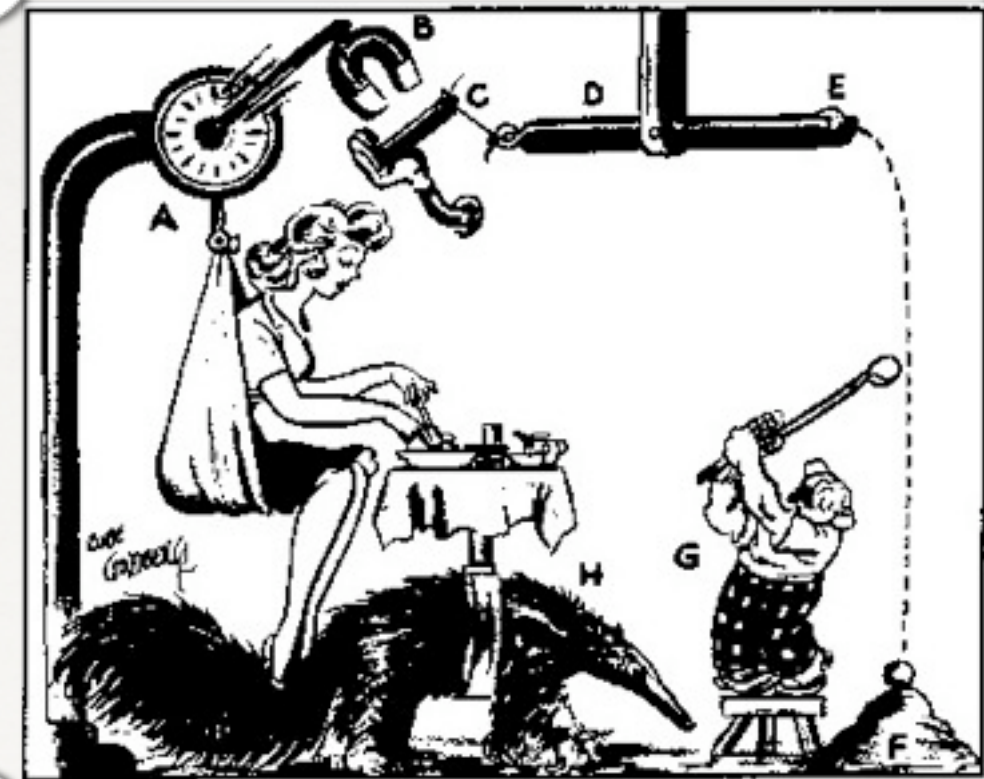
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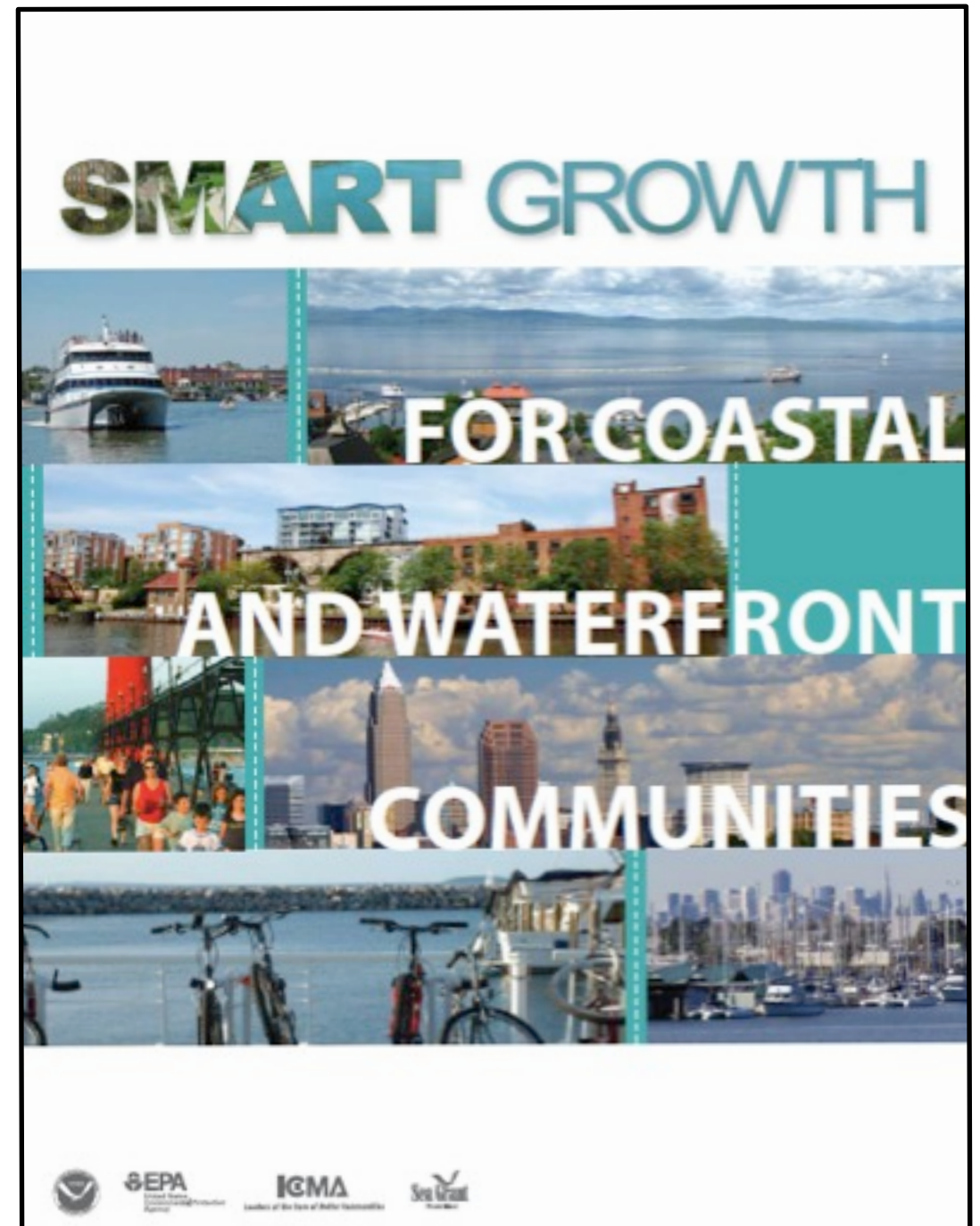
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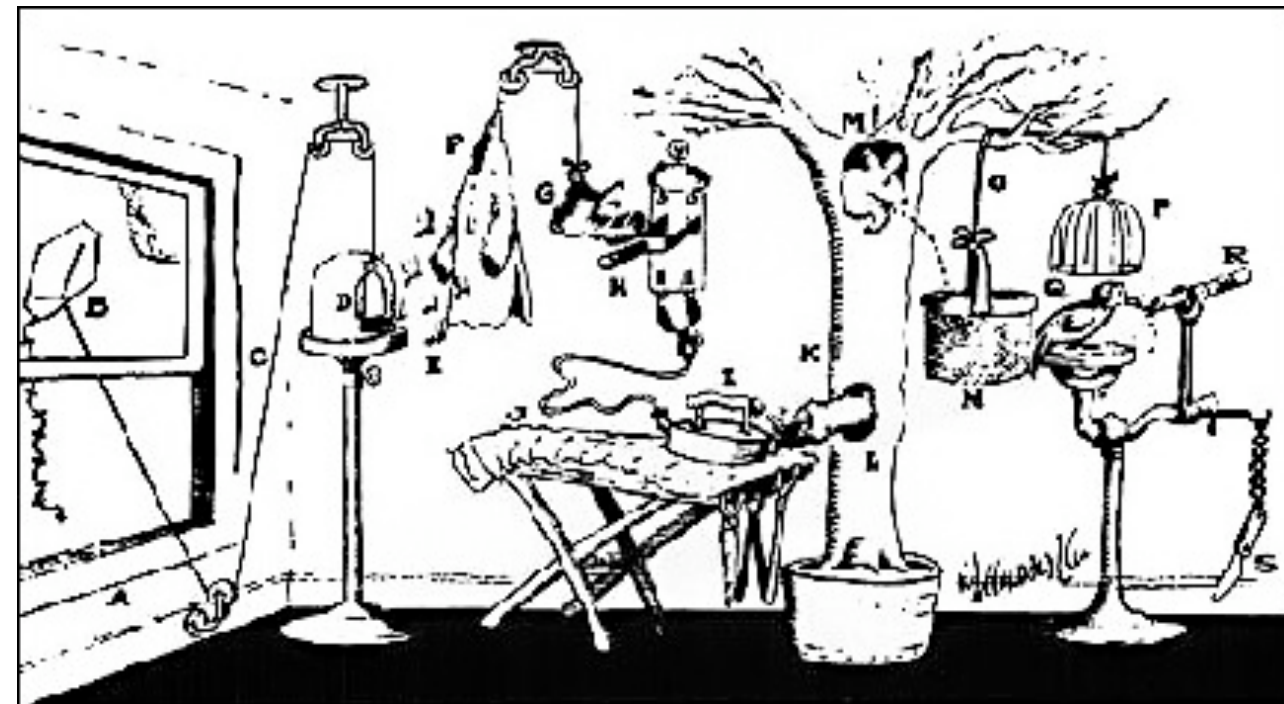
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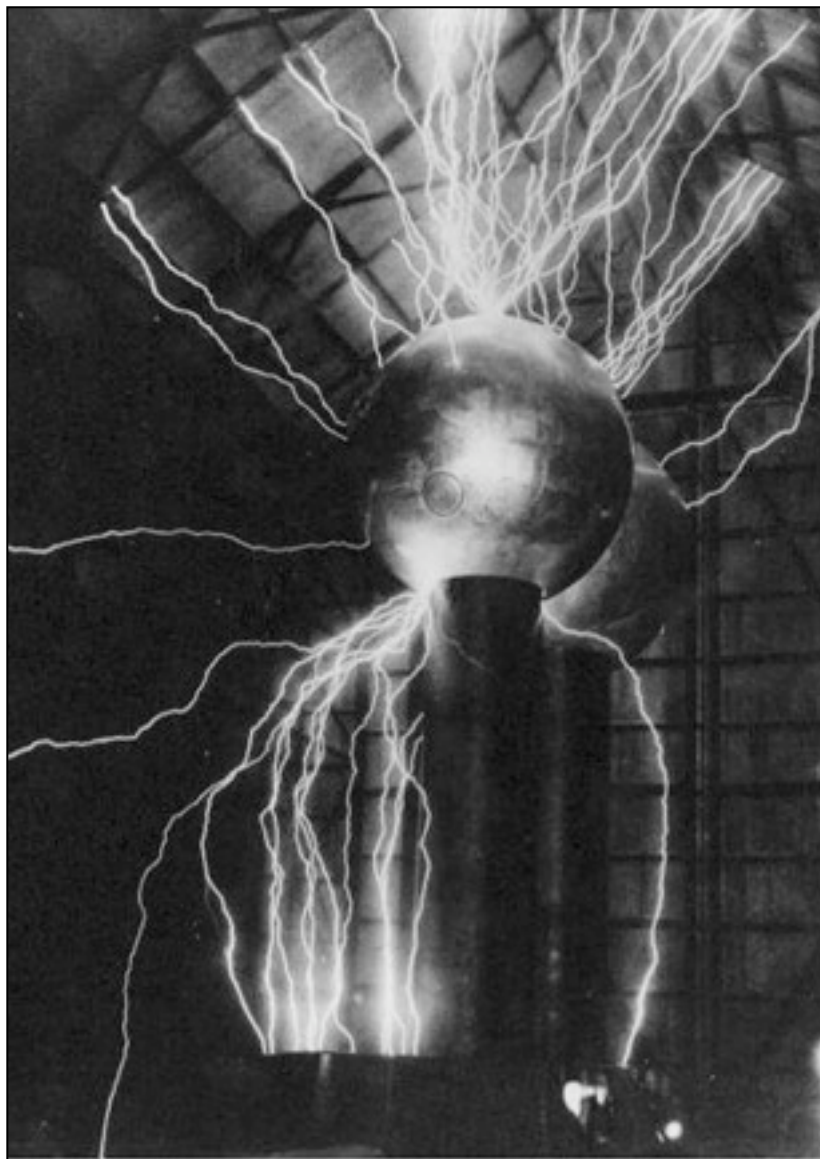
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In the beginning, there was expensive,
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The NEMO breakthrough: geospatial maps & imagery as an educational asset & catalyst for change



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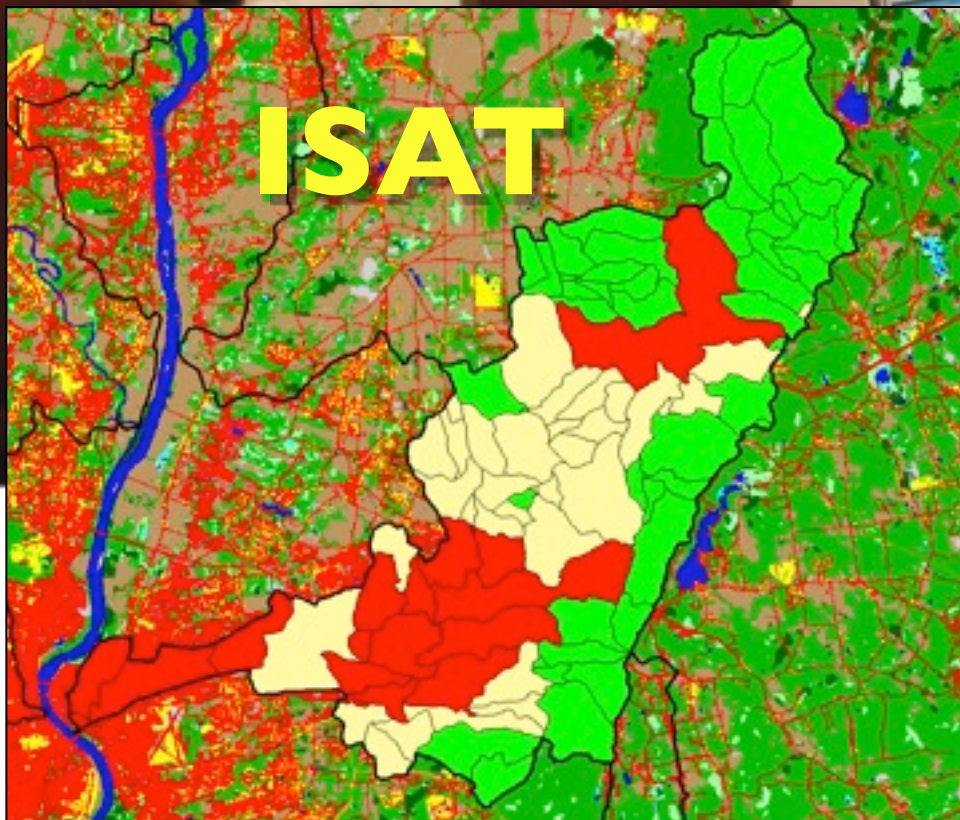


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- property tax tracking
- school bus routing
- fire and evacuation routes
- etc.

Soon, analytical geospatial tools to inform land use decision making were proliferating & becoming accessible (to some)



A small sampling of GIS-based analytical tools used by CCD & NEMO Sea Grant staff



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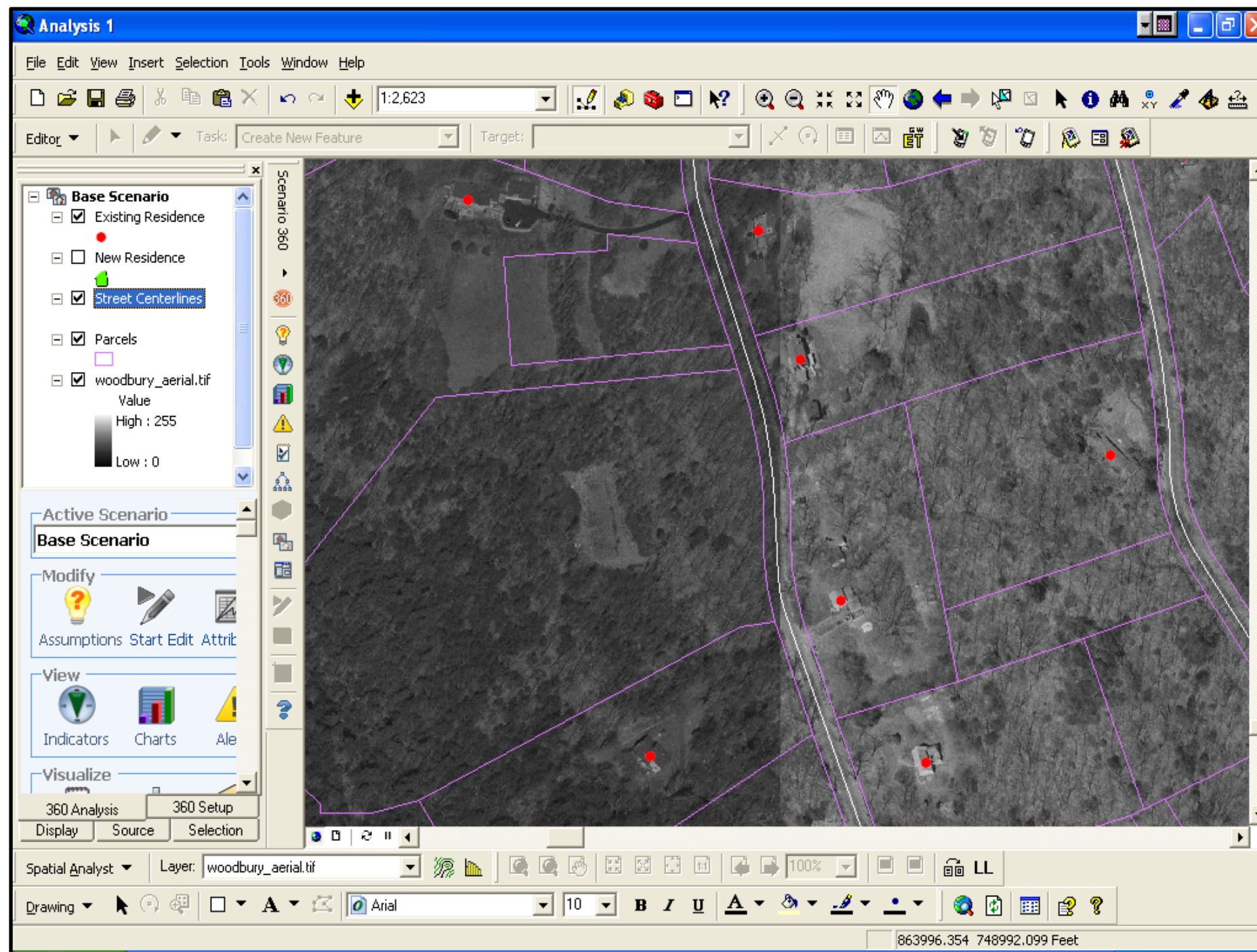
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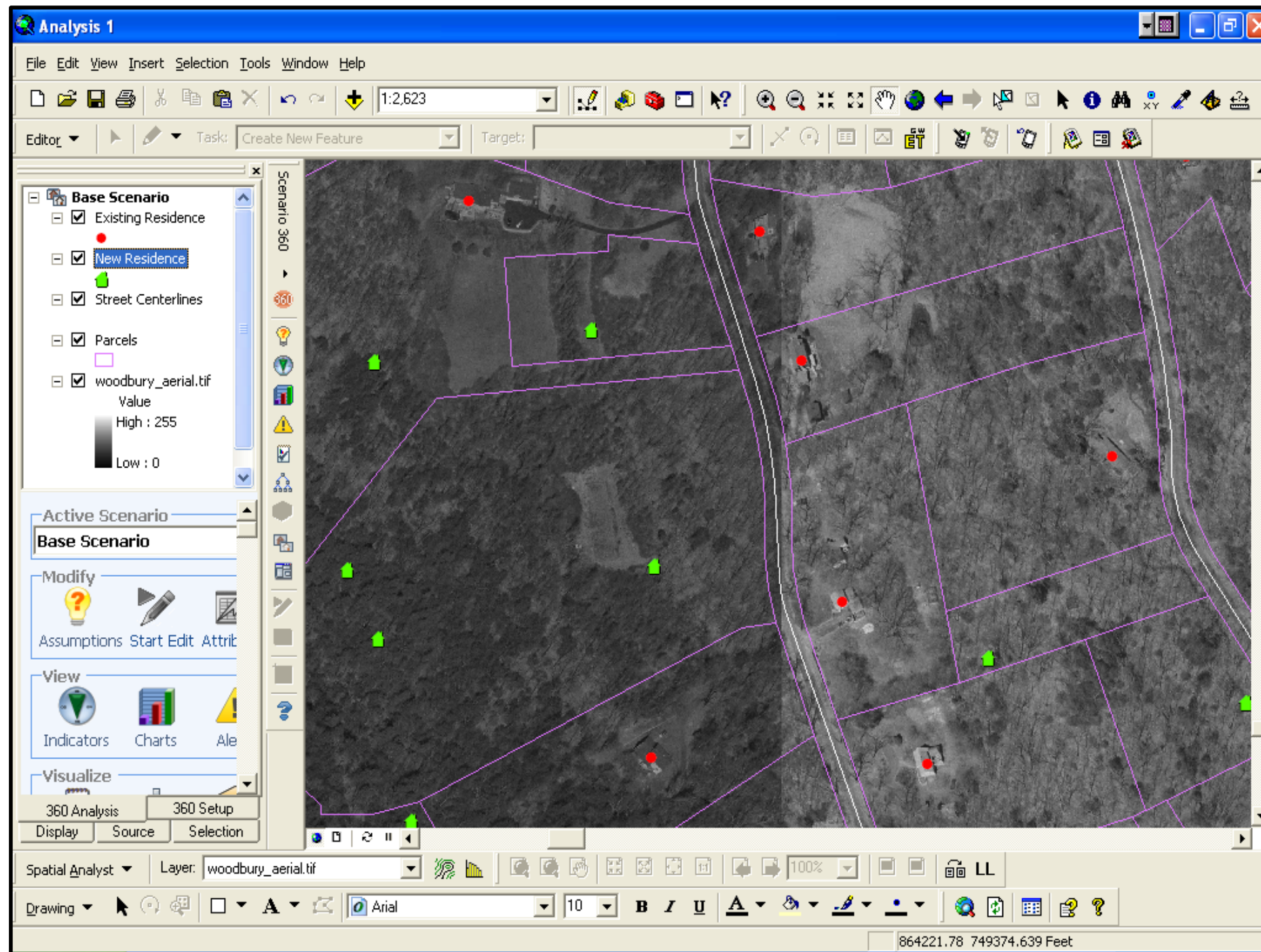
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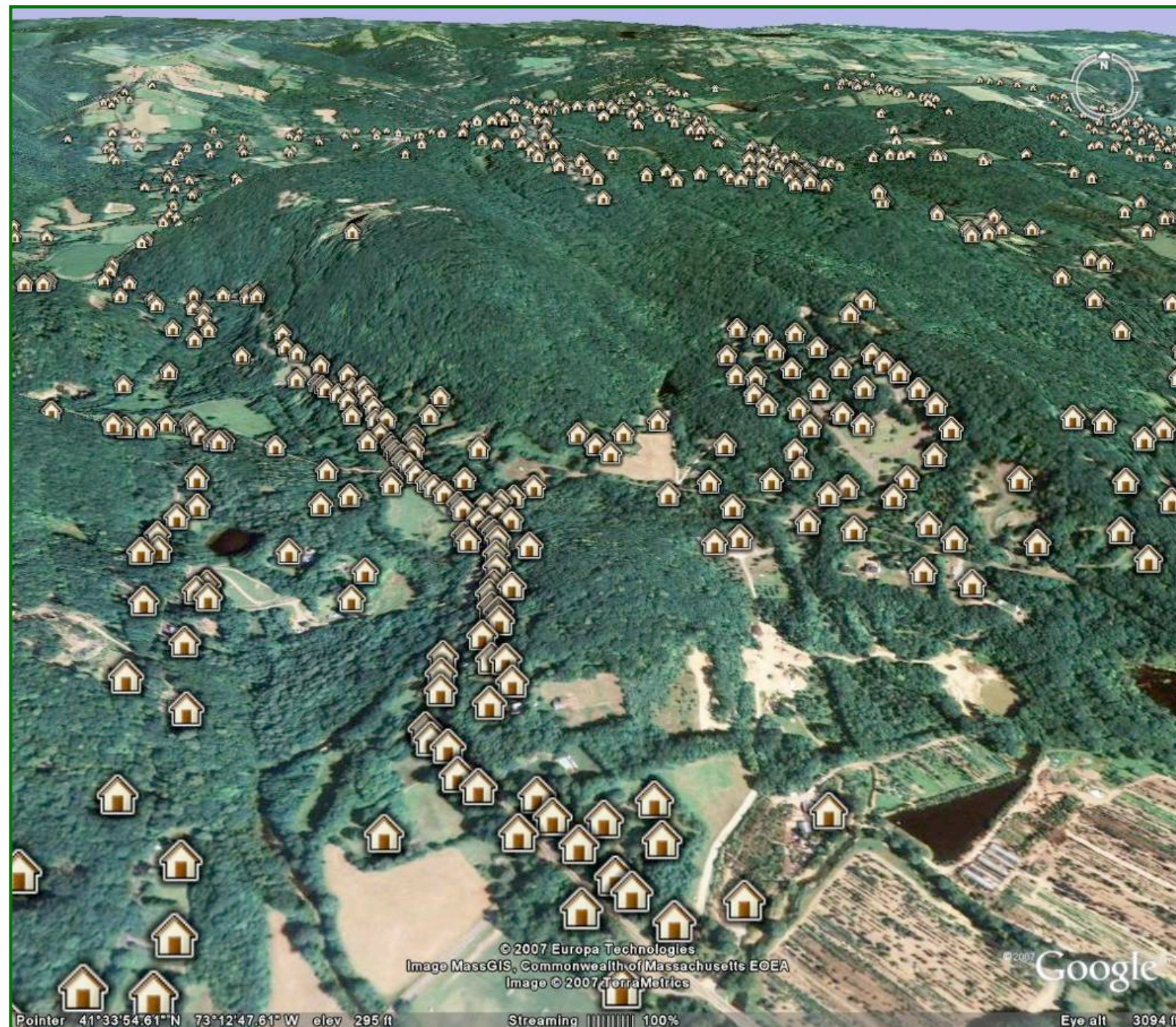
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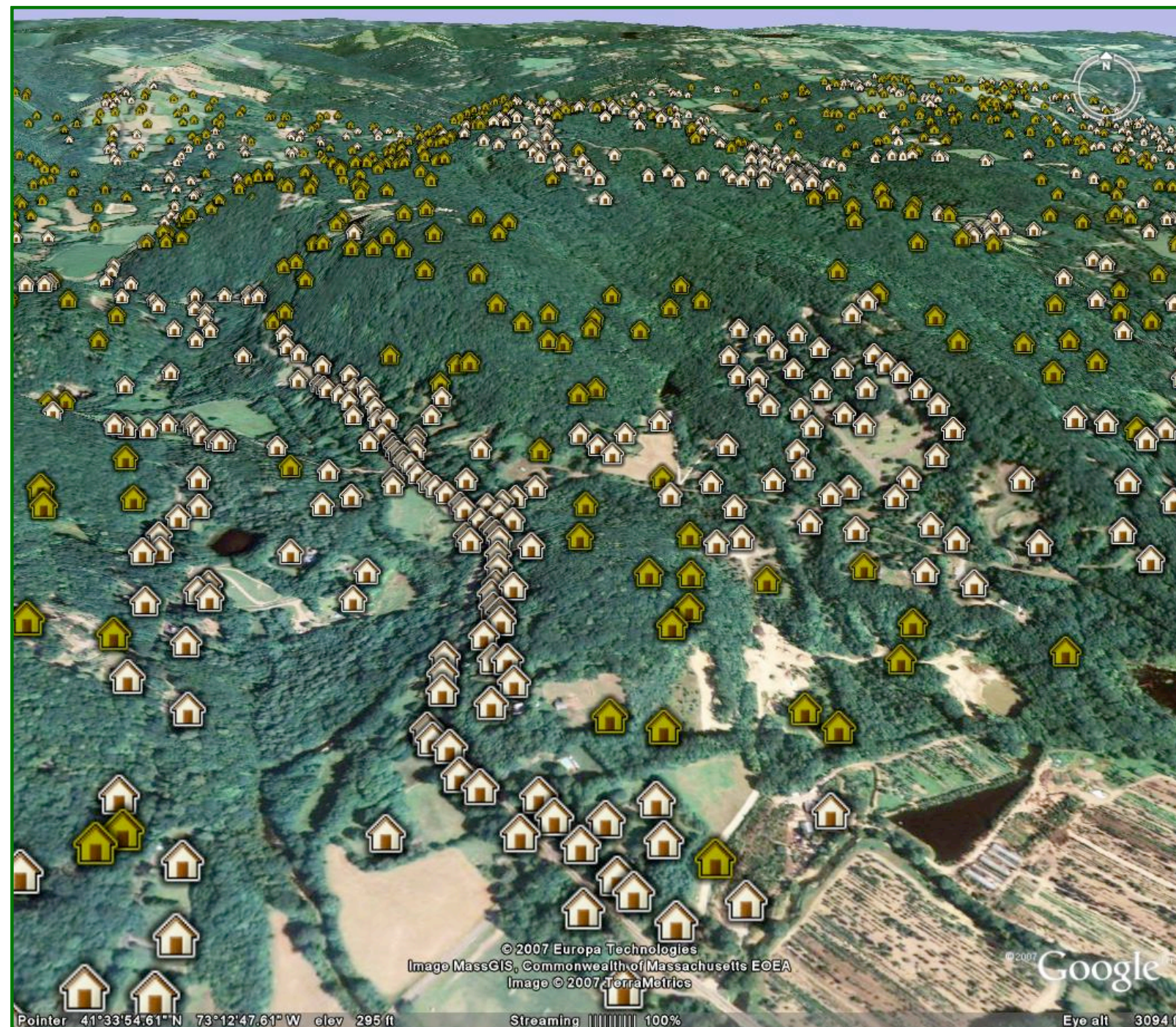
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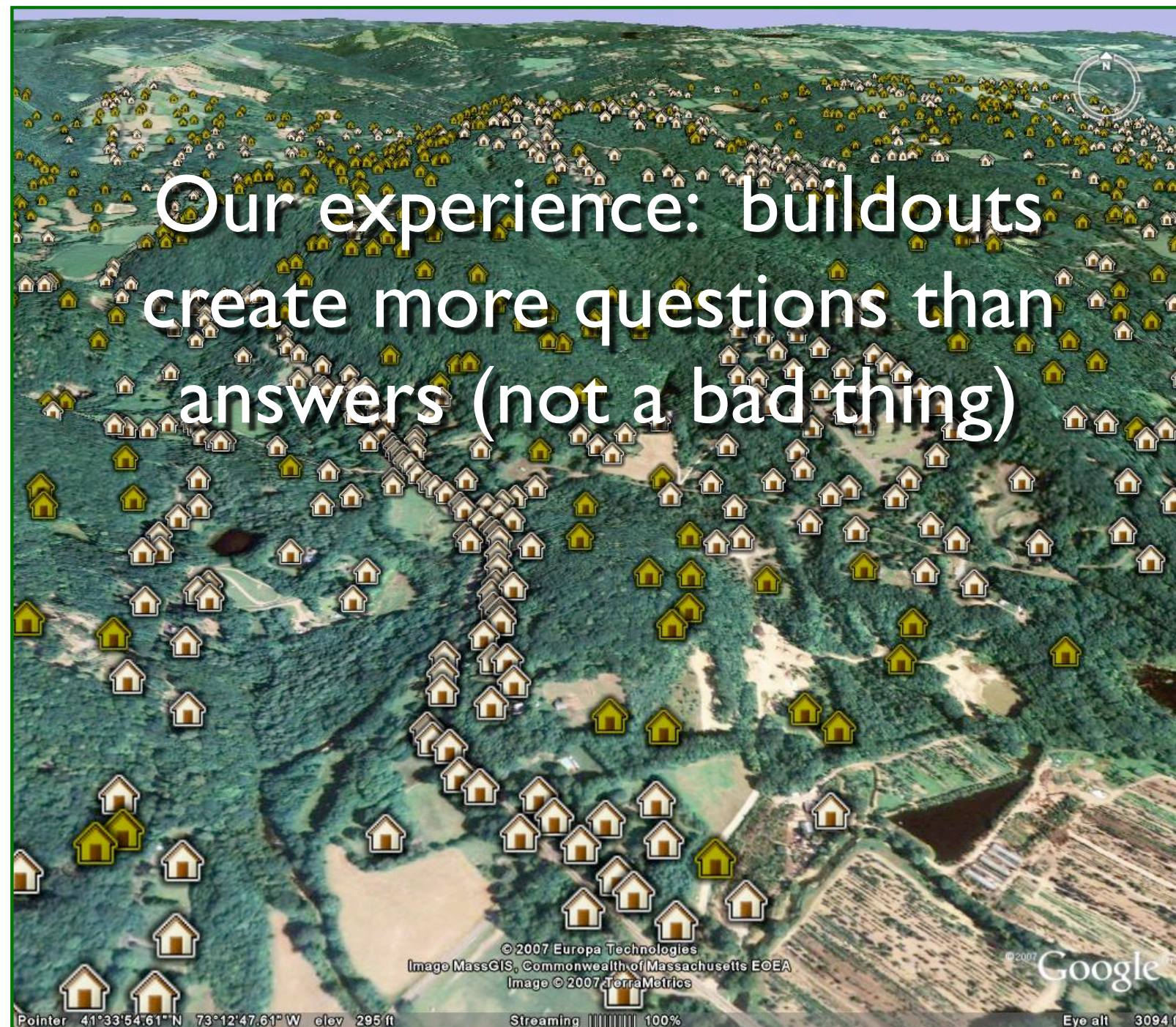
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Predictive tools are not the only ones that can inform & catalyze future land use policies

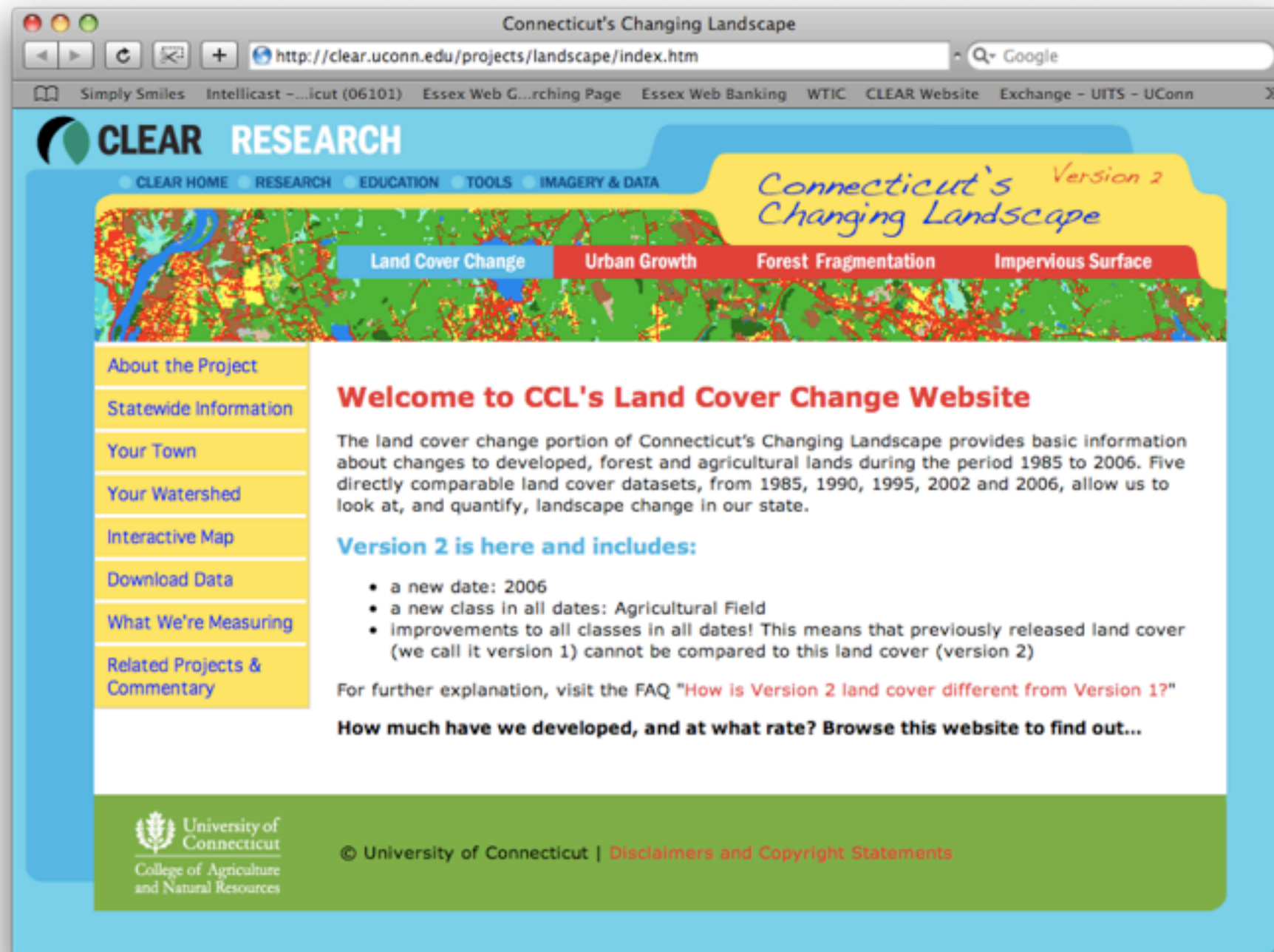
➡ **past trends**

➡ **current status**



Past trends can inform present day decisions that will shape future conditions

Connecticut's Changing Landscape



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Connecticut's Changing Landscape". The address bar displays "http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/landscape/index.htm". The website header features the "CLEAR RESEARCH" logo and a navigation menu with links: "CLEAR HOME", "RESEARCH", "EDUCATION", "TOOLS", and "IMAGERY & DATA". A large banner image shows a map of Connecticut with various land cover colors. Overlaid on the banner are four buttons: "Land Cover Change" (blue), "Urban Growth" (red), "Forest Fragmentation" (red), and "Impervious Surface" (red). To the right of the banner, the text "Connecticut's Changing Landscape" is written in a script font, with "Version 2" in red above it. On the left side of the page, a vertical menu lists: "About the Project", "Statewide Information", "Your Town", "Your Watershed", "Interactive Map", "Download Data", "What We're Measuring", and "Related Projects & Commentary". The main content area has a heading "Welcome to CCL's Land Cover Change Website" in red. Below it, a paragraph explains that the land cover change portion provides basic information about changes to developed, forest, and agricultural lands from 1985 to 2006, using five datasets (1985, 1990, 1995, 2002, 2006). A section titled "Version 2 is here and includes:" lists three bullet points: a new date (2006), a new class (Agricultural Field), and improvements to all classes. It notes that version 1 data cannot be compared to version 2. A link is provided for a FAQ titled "How is Version 2 land cover different from Version 1?". The footer includes the University of Connecticut logo and name, and a copyright notice with a link to "Disclaimers and Copyright Statements".

Connecticut's Changing Landscape

Version 2

Land Cover Change Urban Growth Forest Fragmentation Impervious Surface

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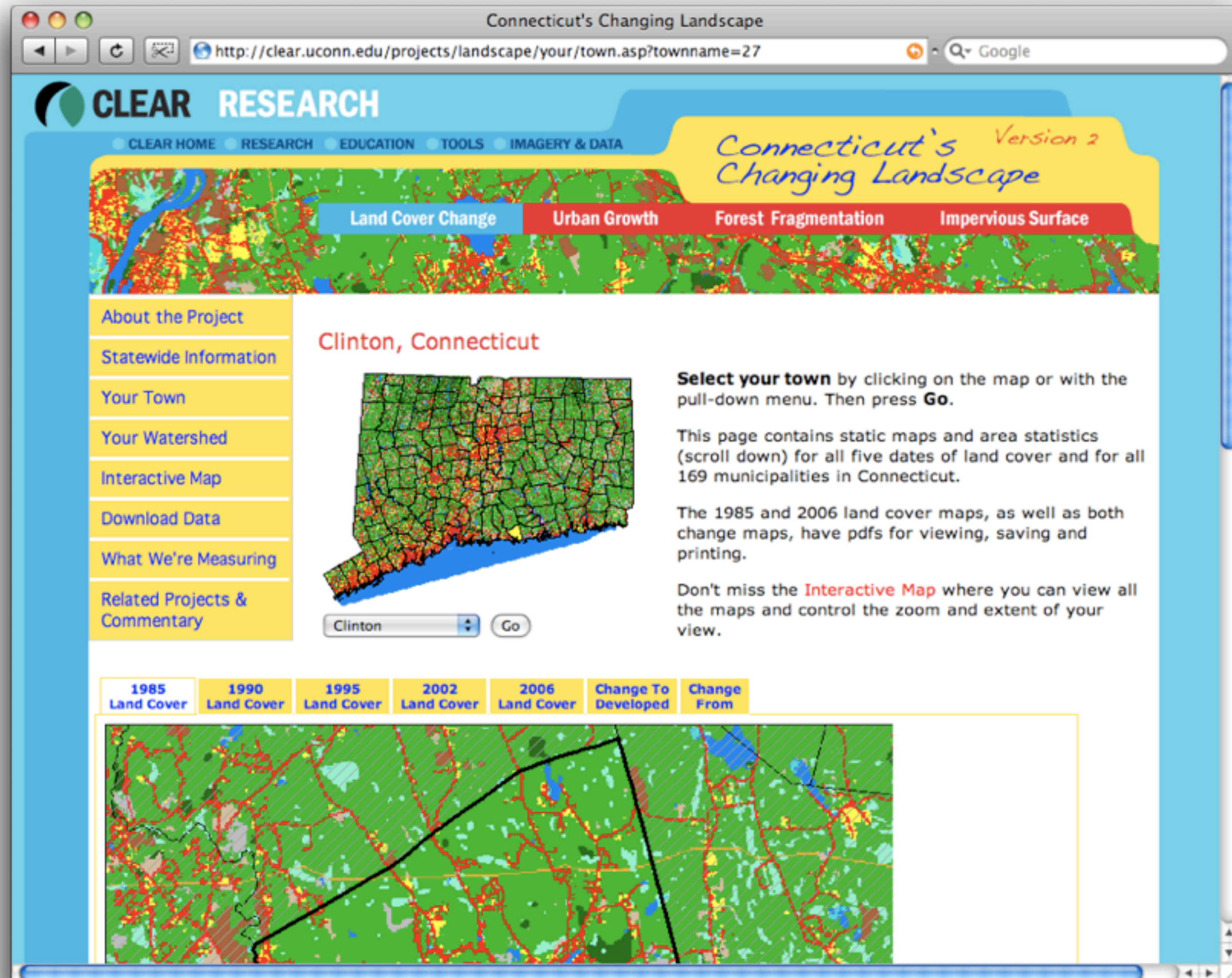
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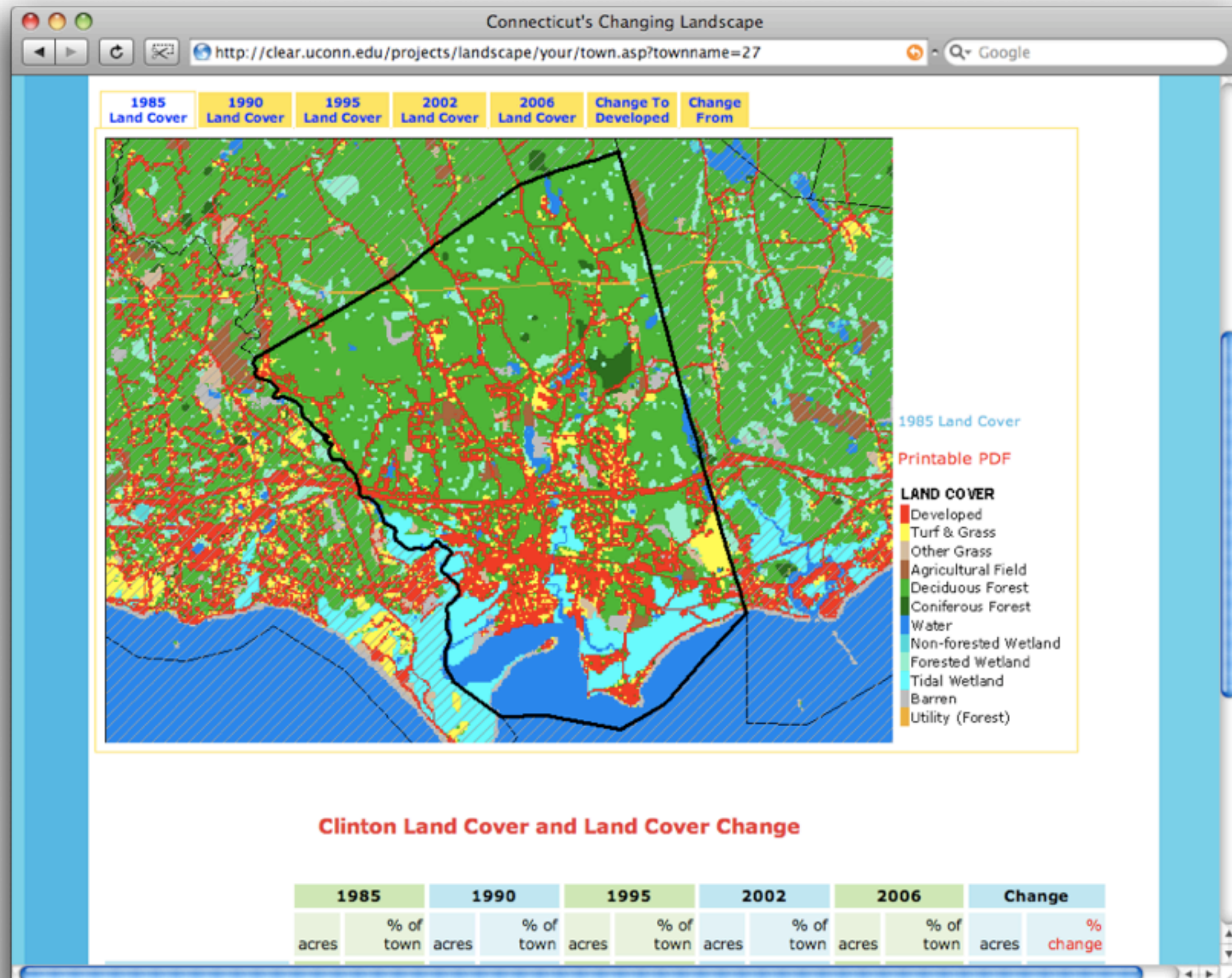
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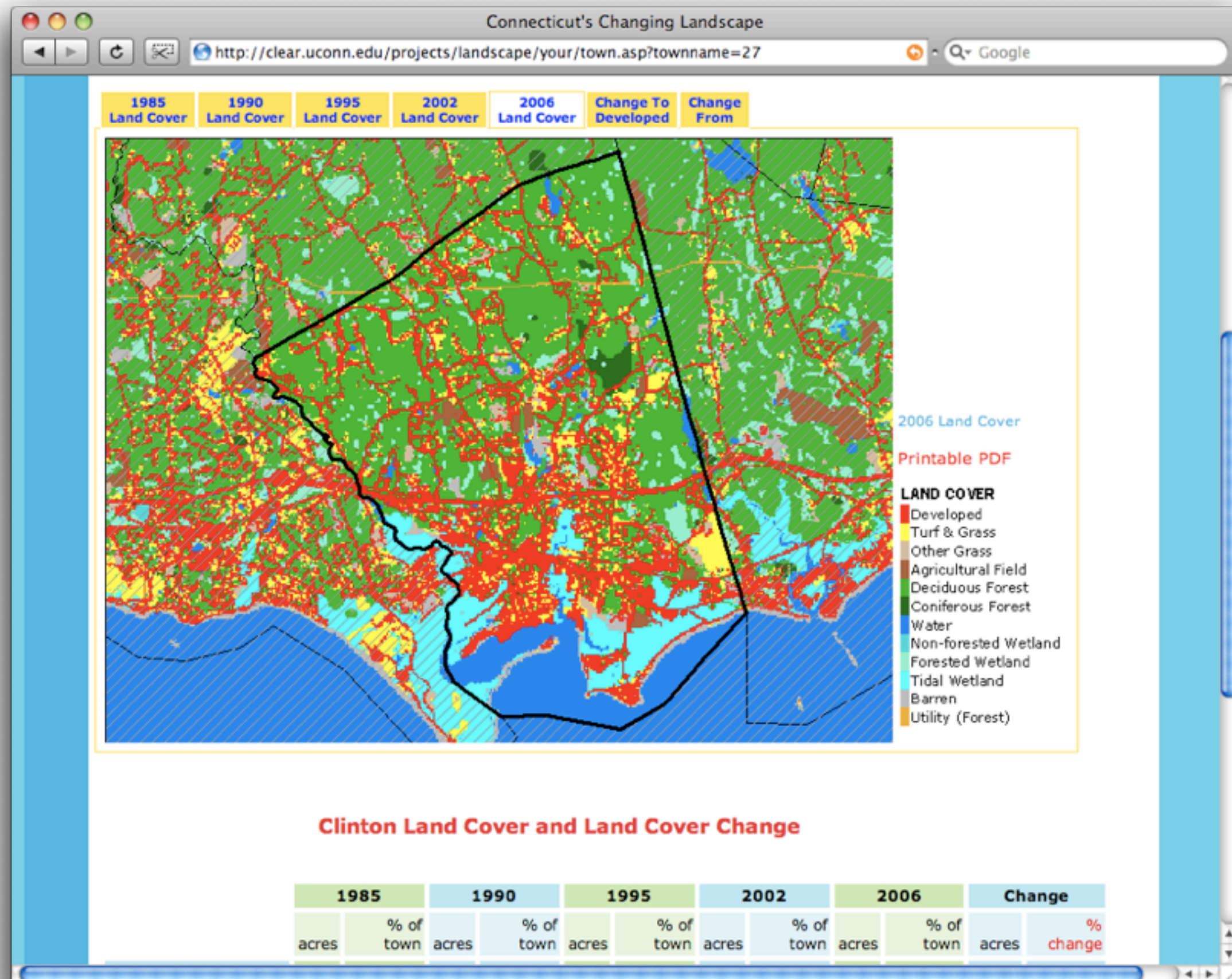
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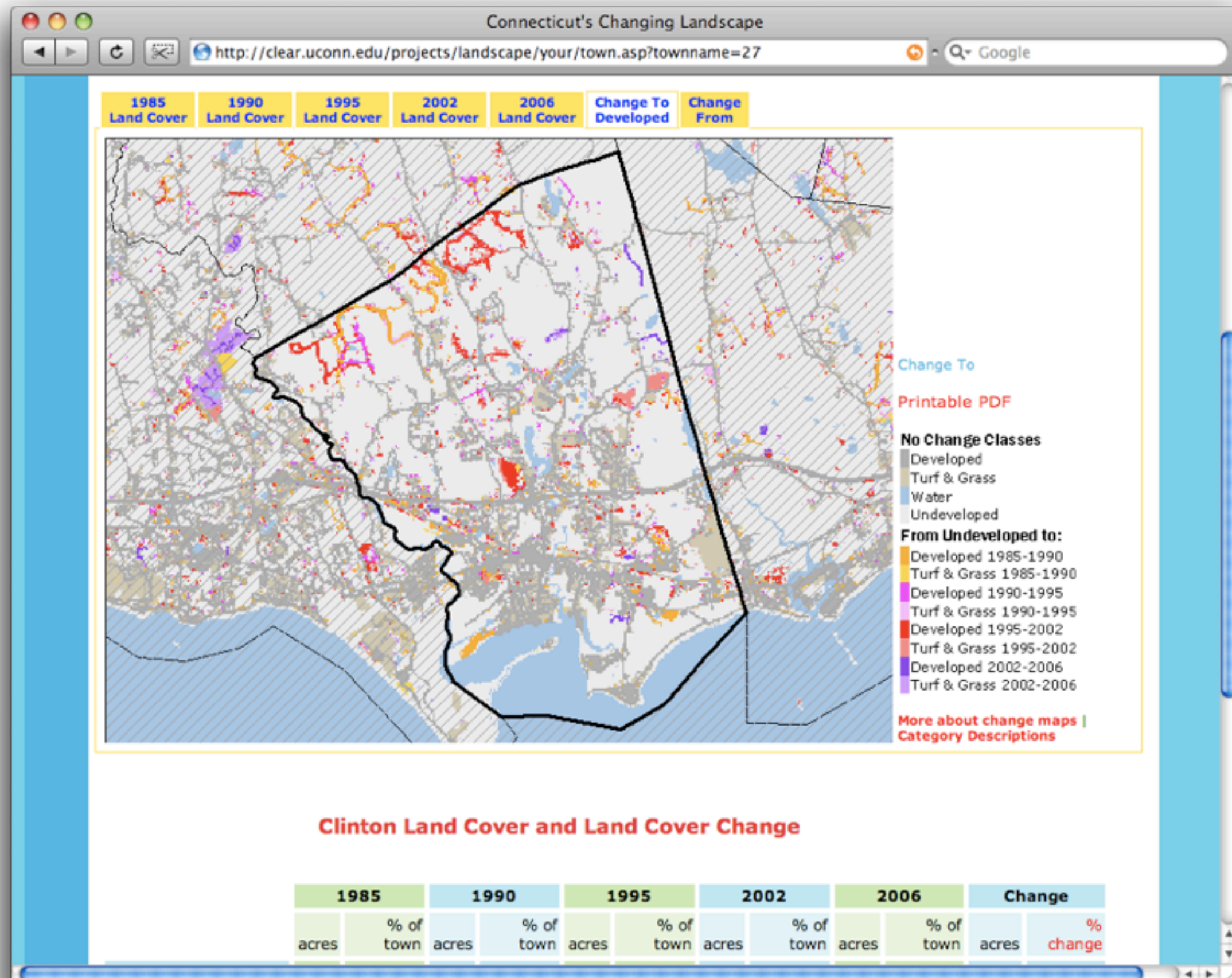
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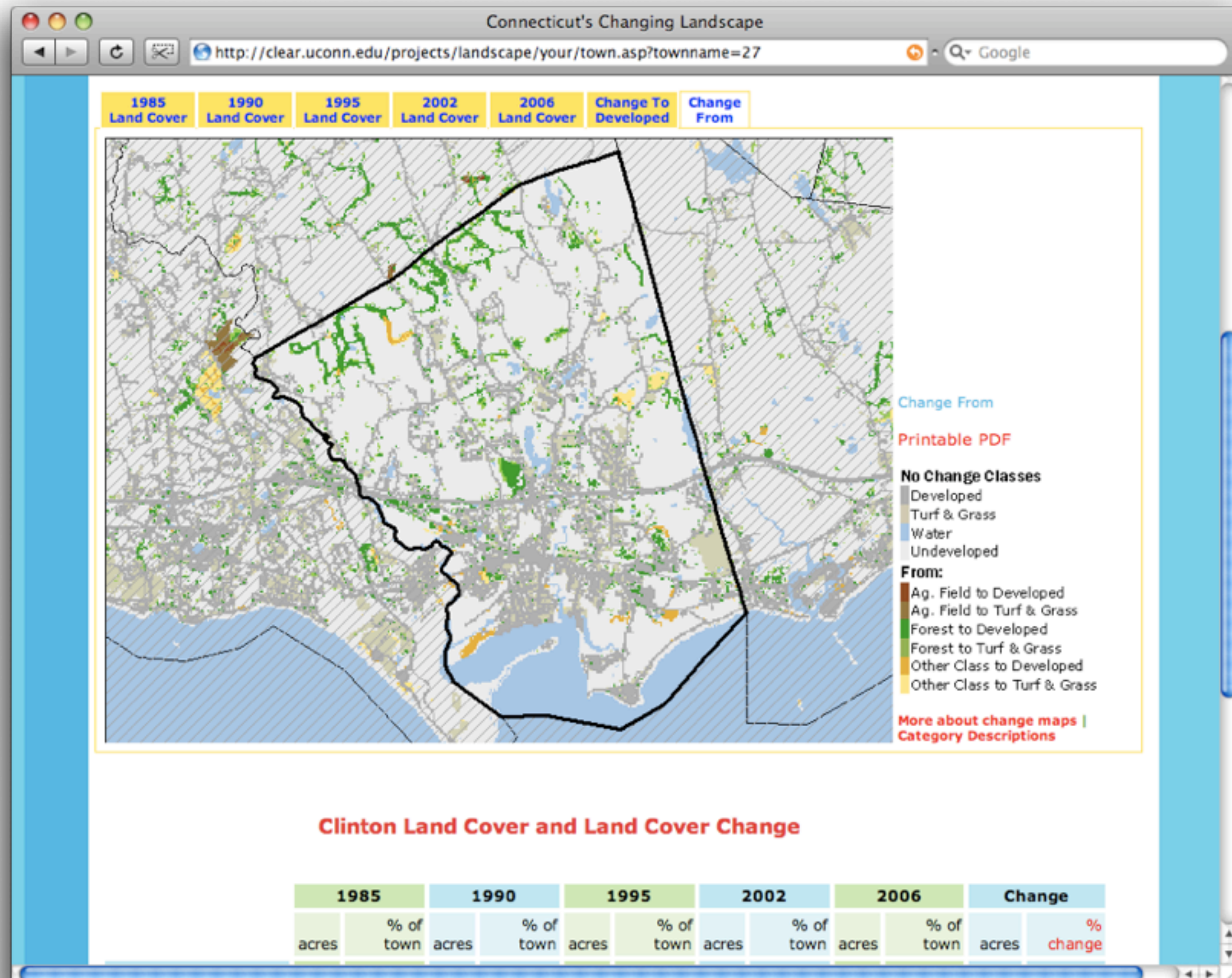
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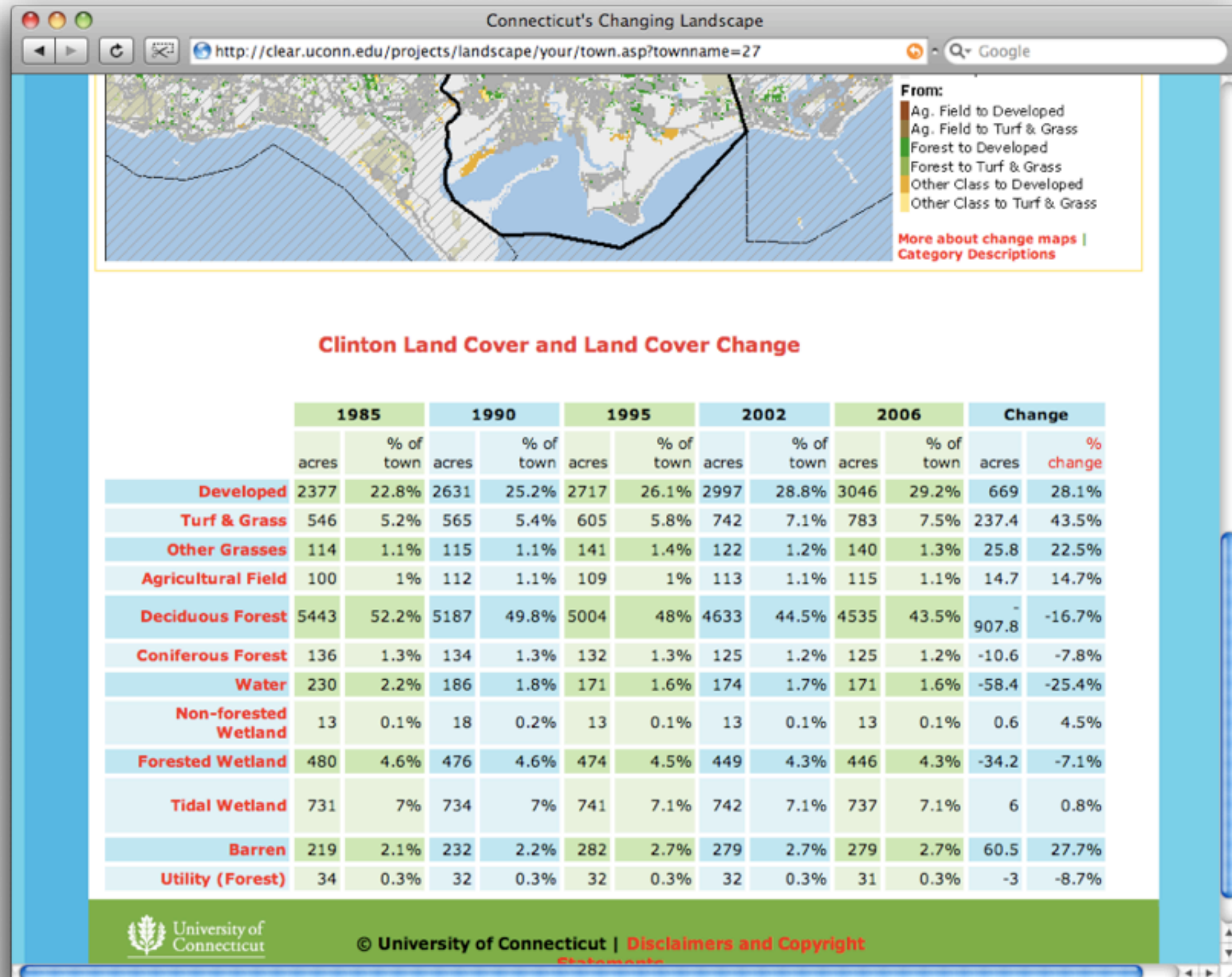












Tools for “citizen planners” showing current status can also help chart the future

The Online Community Resource Inventory

Community Resource Inventory – CT NEMO Program

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CRI Community Resource Inventory Online
A mapping resource for Connecticut communities.

[CRI Home](#) [Build Your CRI](#) [Use Your CRI](#) [Interactive Map](#) [Enhance Your CRI](#)

Map Sets

Natural Resources

1. Base Map
2. Topography
 - Shaded Relief
 - Slope
3. Land Cover
4. Soils
 - Wetland Soils
 - Farmland Soils
5. Water Resources
 - Watersheds
 - Surface Water
 - Water Quality
 - Ground Water
6. Habitat
7. Open Space


Cultural Resources

1. Transportation
2. Utilities
3. Regulated Lands

[Print Your CRI](#)

Location map

You've Chosen: Groton, CT



Incorporated - 1705
Origin of Name - Incorporated from New London, May, 1705; named 1705 from English home town of Gov. John Winthrop.

Population

1850	3743
1900	5962
1950	21896
2000	39907

Area


Acres	21002
Square Miles	32.8
Square Km	85

Belongs to
New London County
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Southeast Economic Development Region

Oops, wrong town! Select Another
Groton

Proceed to the **Groton CRI**

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- Land Use Planning Program

TRAINING & EVENTS

WEBINAR - May 26 - [Register Now!](#)
Connecticut's Changing Landscape Project: A User's Guide & Cook's Tour

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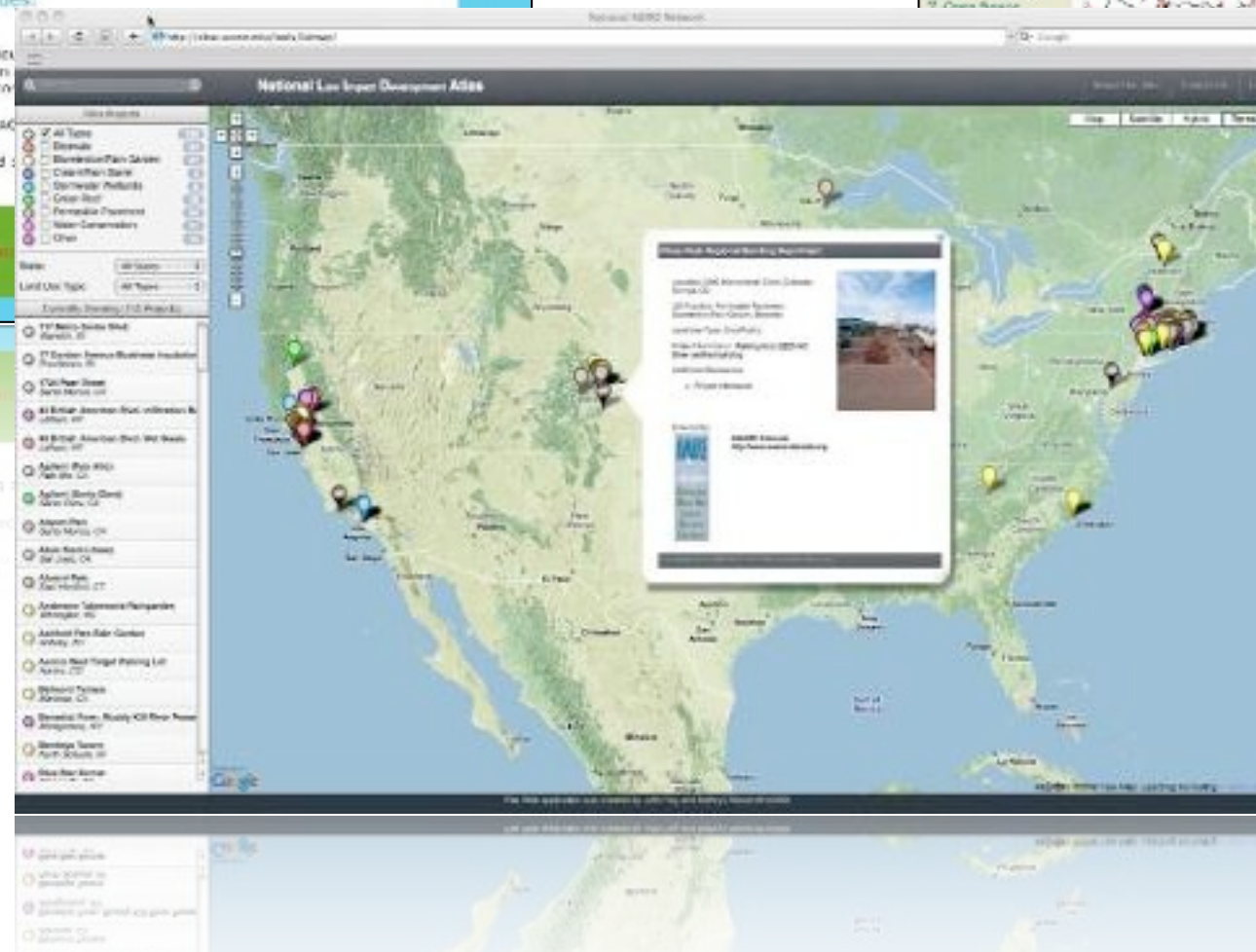
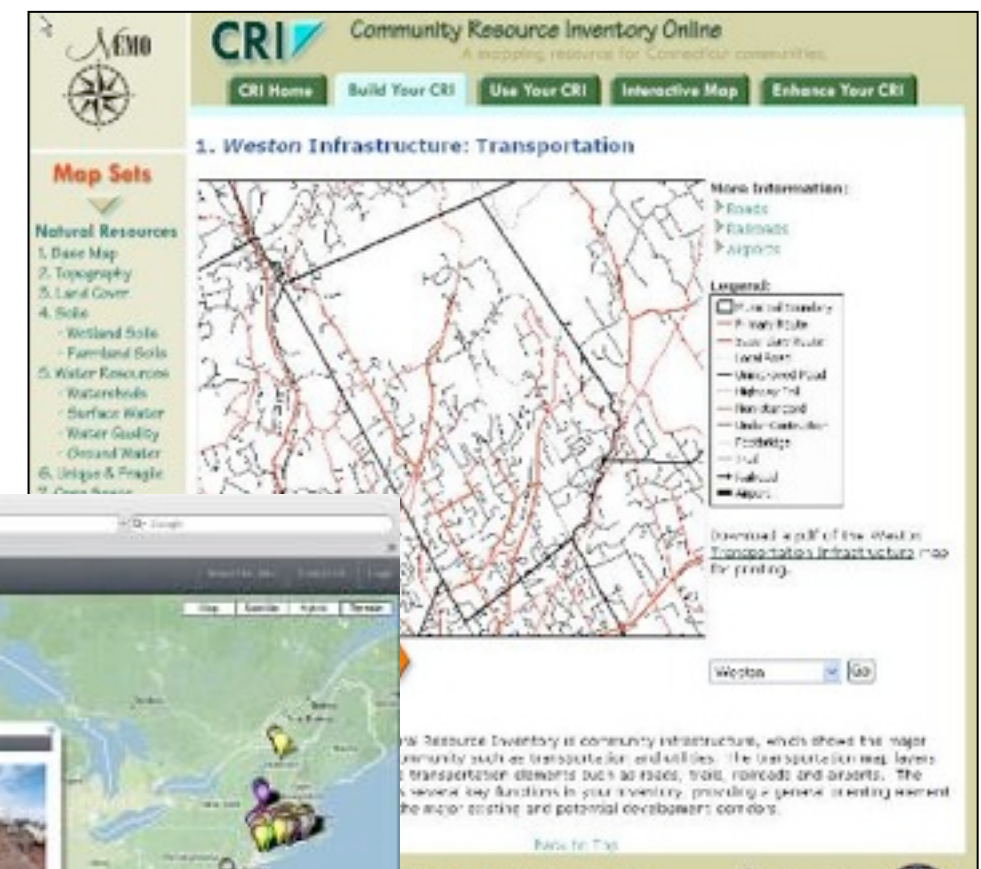
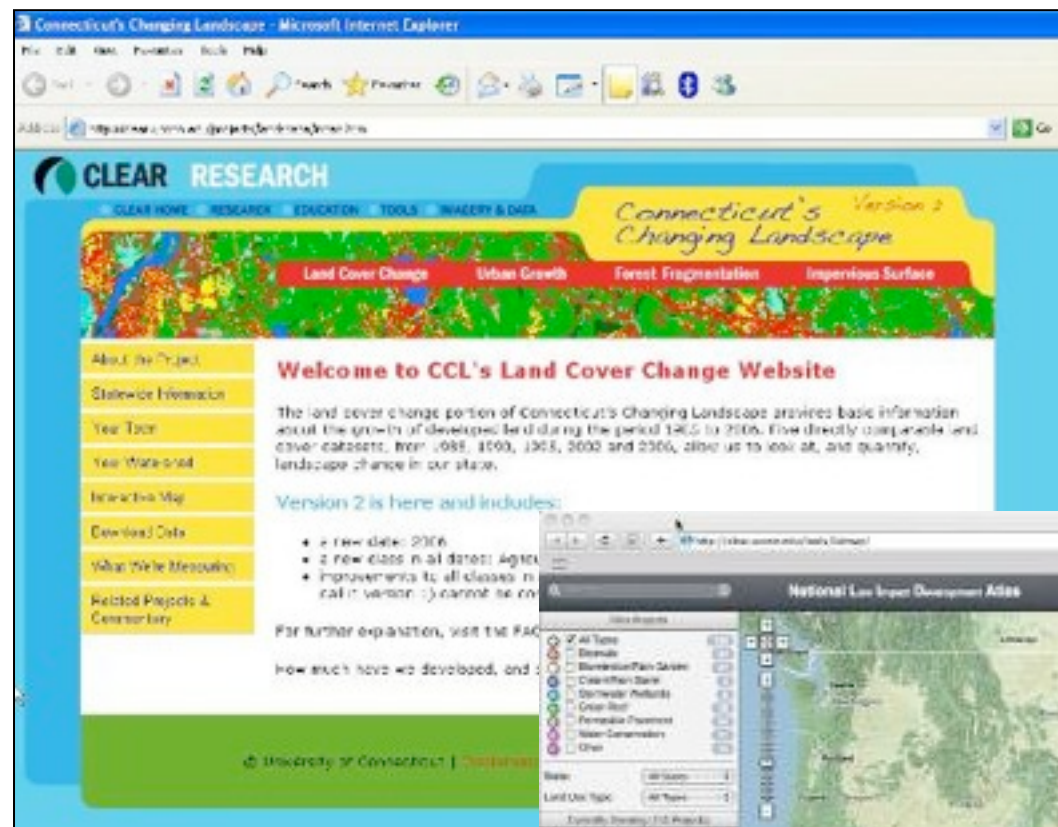
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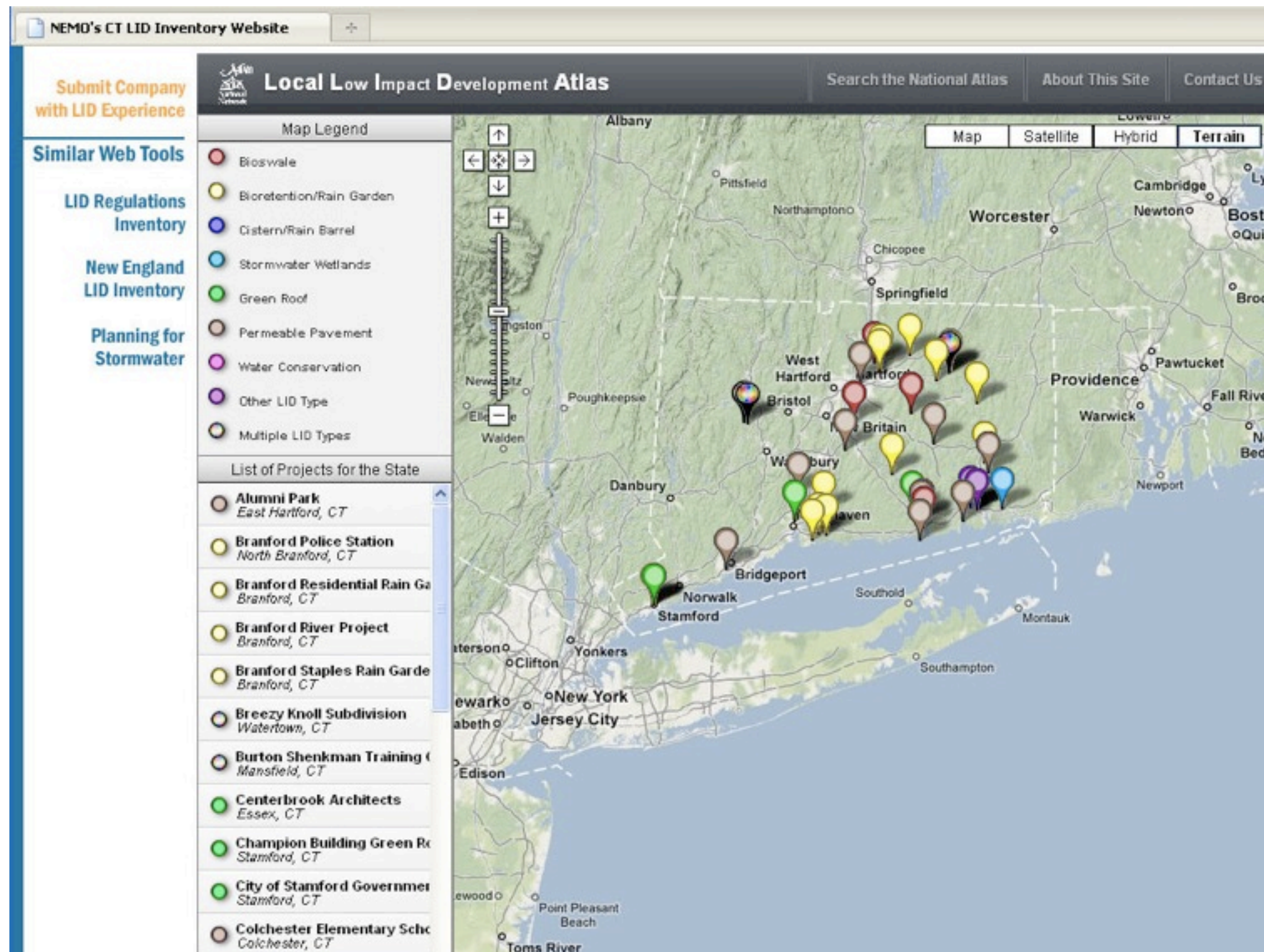
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Where we are today:

Interactive geospatial tools on the web



Using Earth Browsers to convey information: the CT LID Inventory



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NEMO's CT LID Inventory Website

Local Low Impact Development Atlas

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Map Legend

- Bioswale
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- Stormwater Wetlands
- Green Roof
- Permeable Pavement
- Water Conservation
- Other LID Type
- Multiple LID Types

Similar Web Tools

- LID Regulations Inventory
- New England LID Inventory
- Planning for Stormwater

List of Projects for the State

- Alumni Park, East Hartford, CT
- Branford Police Station, North Branford, CT
- Branford Residential Rain Garden, Branford, CT
- Branford River Project, Branford, CT
- Branford Staples Rain Garden, Branford, CT
- Breezy Knoll Subdivision, Watertown, CT
- Burton Shenkman Training Center, Mansfield, CT
- Centerbrook Architects, Essex, CT
- Champion Building Green Roof, Stamford, CT
- City of Stamford Government Center, Stamford, CT
- Colchester Elementary School, Colchester, CT

Hartlands Drive Parking Area

Location: Hartlands Drive, Old Saybrook, CT

LID Practice: Permeable Pavement

Land Use Type: Civic/Public

Construction Date: during 2003

Project Summary: Permeable pavement used in a parking area for coastal access

Detailed Project Information:

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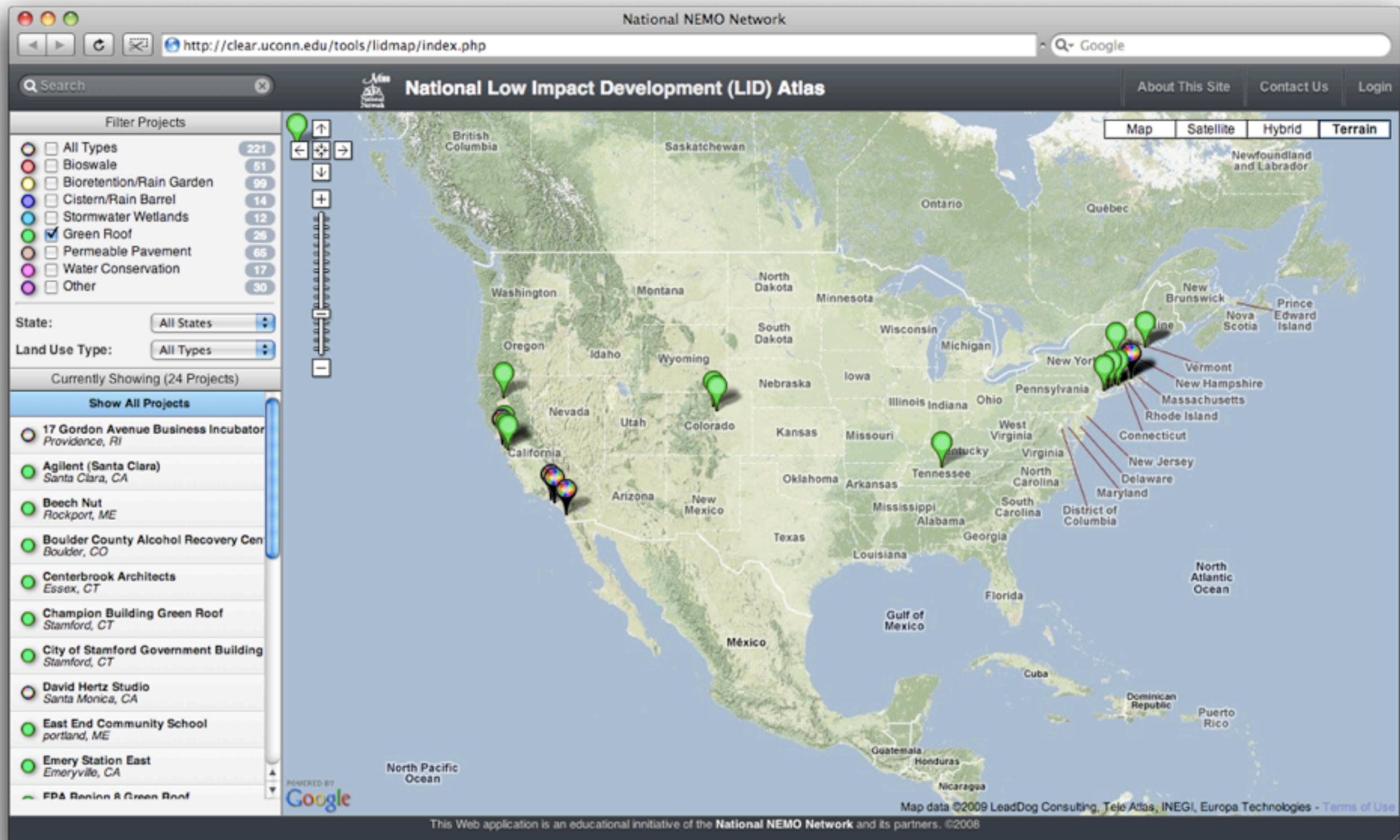
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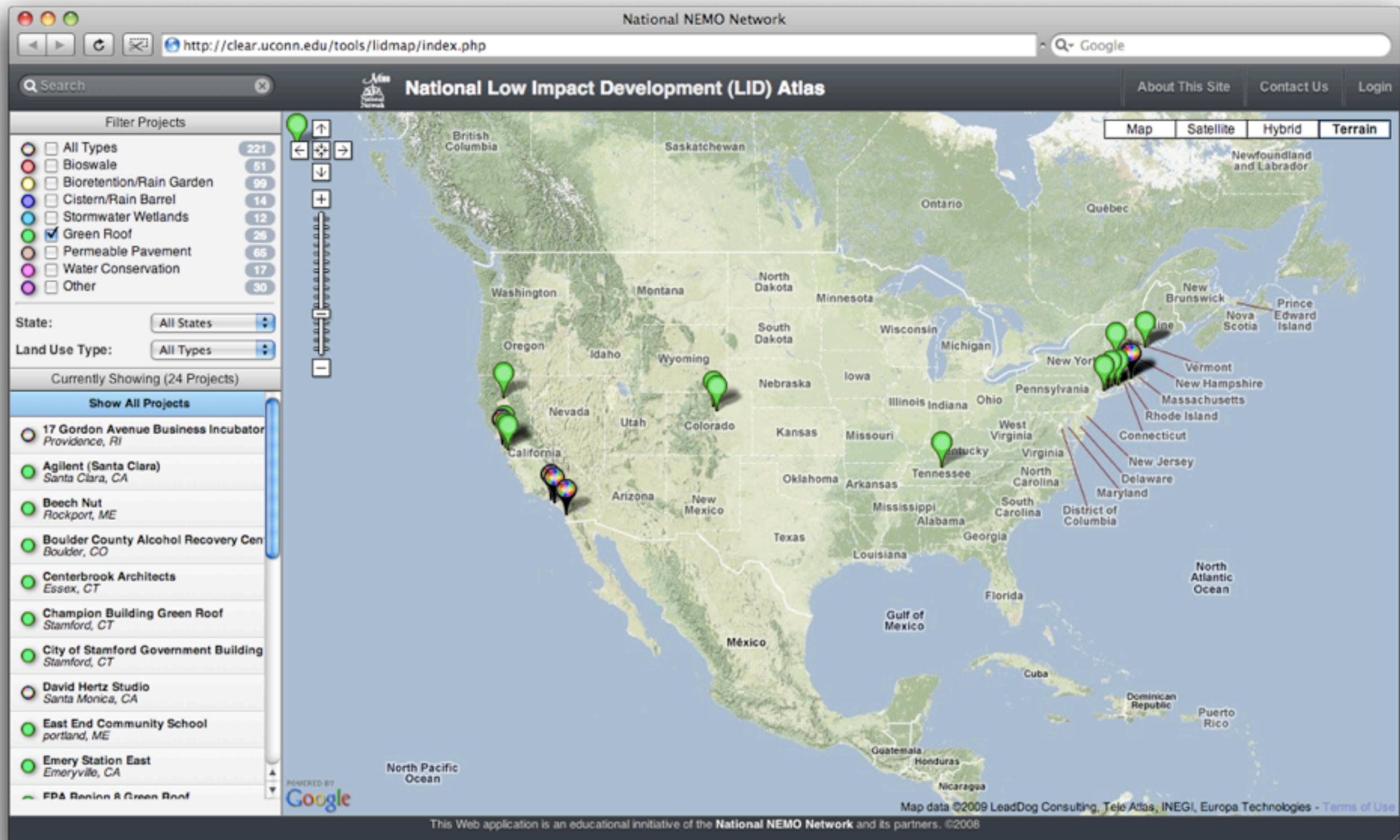
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- Emery Station East Emeryville, CA
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Map Satellite Hybrid Terrain

Agilent (Santa Clara)

Location: 5301 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95051

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On the left side, there is a "Filter Projects" section with a list of LID types and their counts:

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The main map area displays a satellite view of a city with a green pin marking a specific location. The bottom of the page includes a Google logo and a copyright notice: "Imagery ©2009 DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, U.S. Geological Survey - Terms of Use". A footer note states: "This Web application is an educational initiative of the National NEMO Network and its partners. ©2008".

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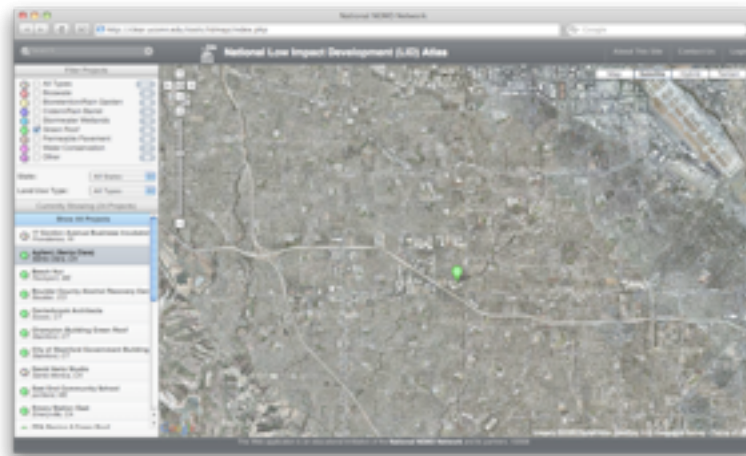
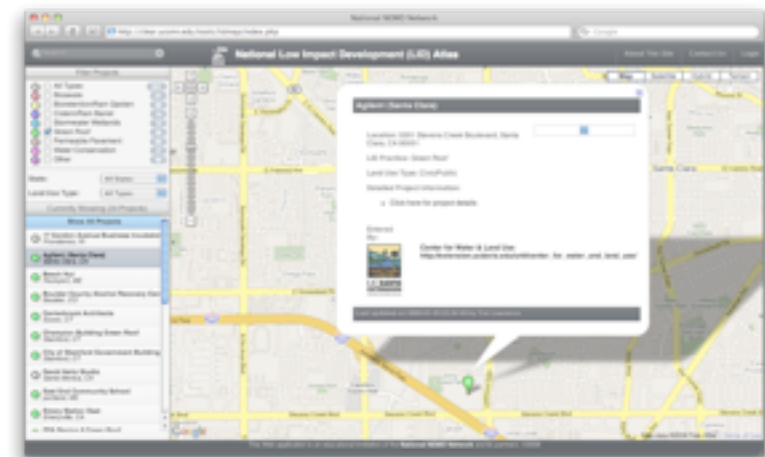
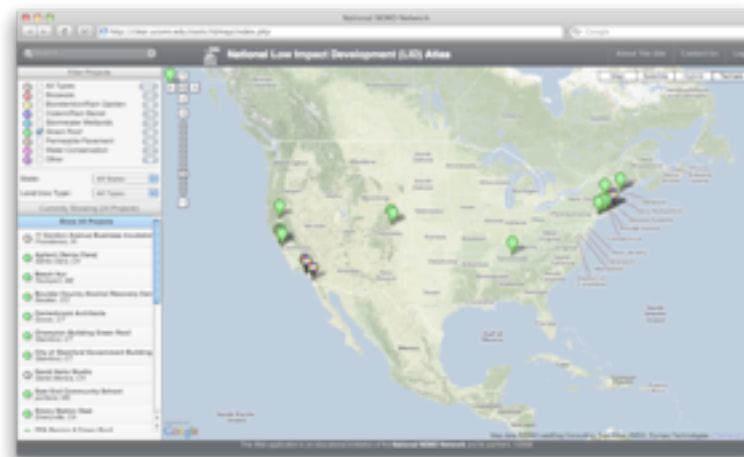
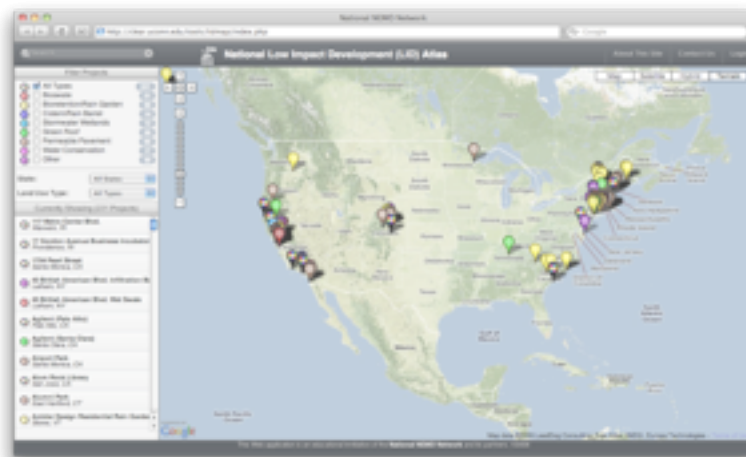
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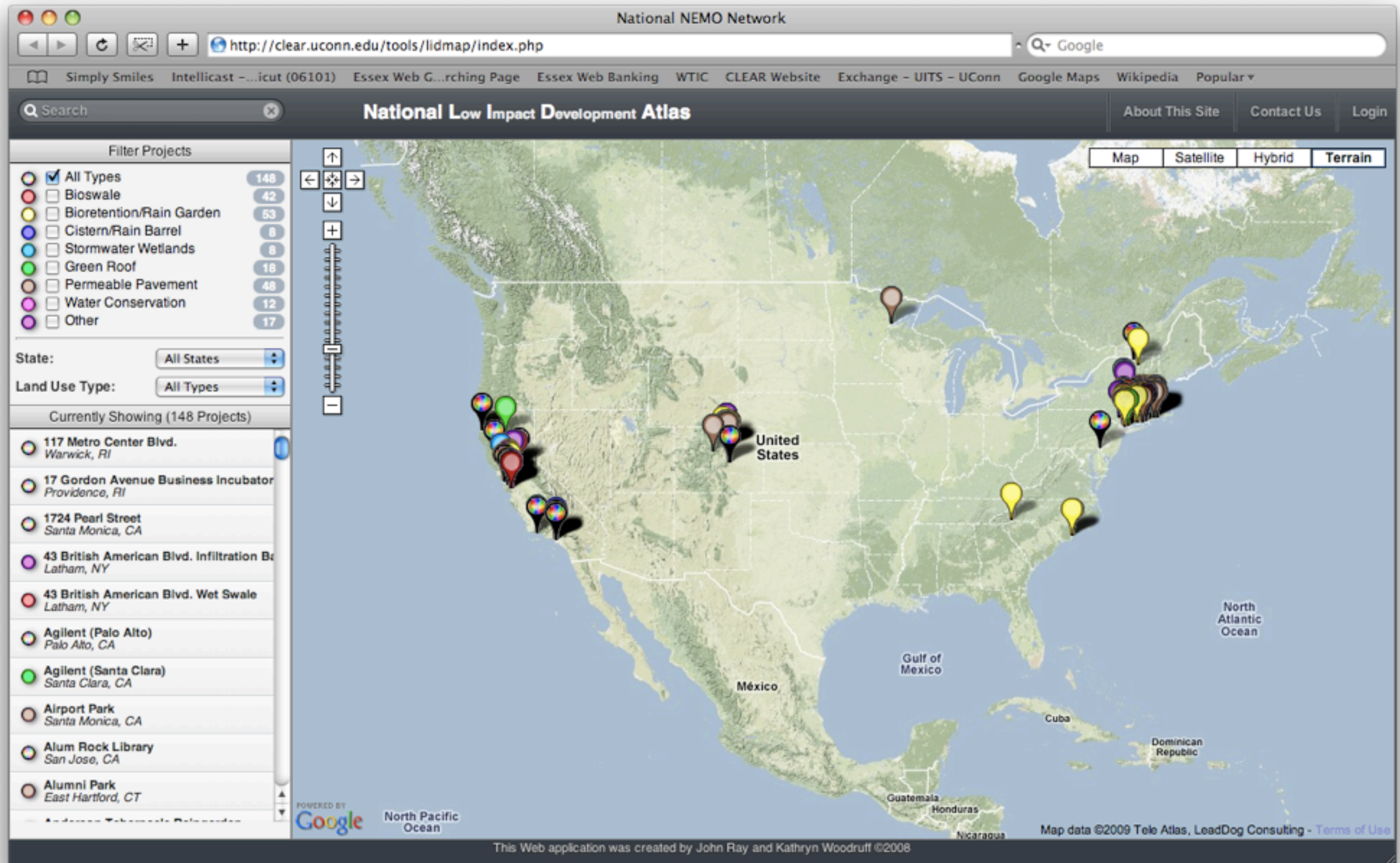
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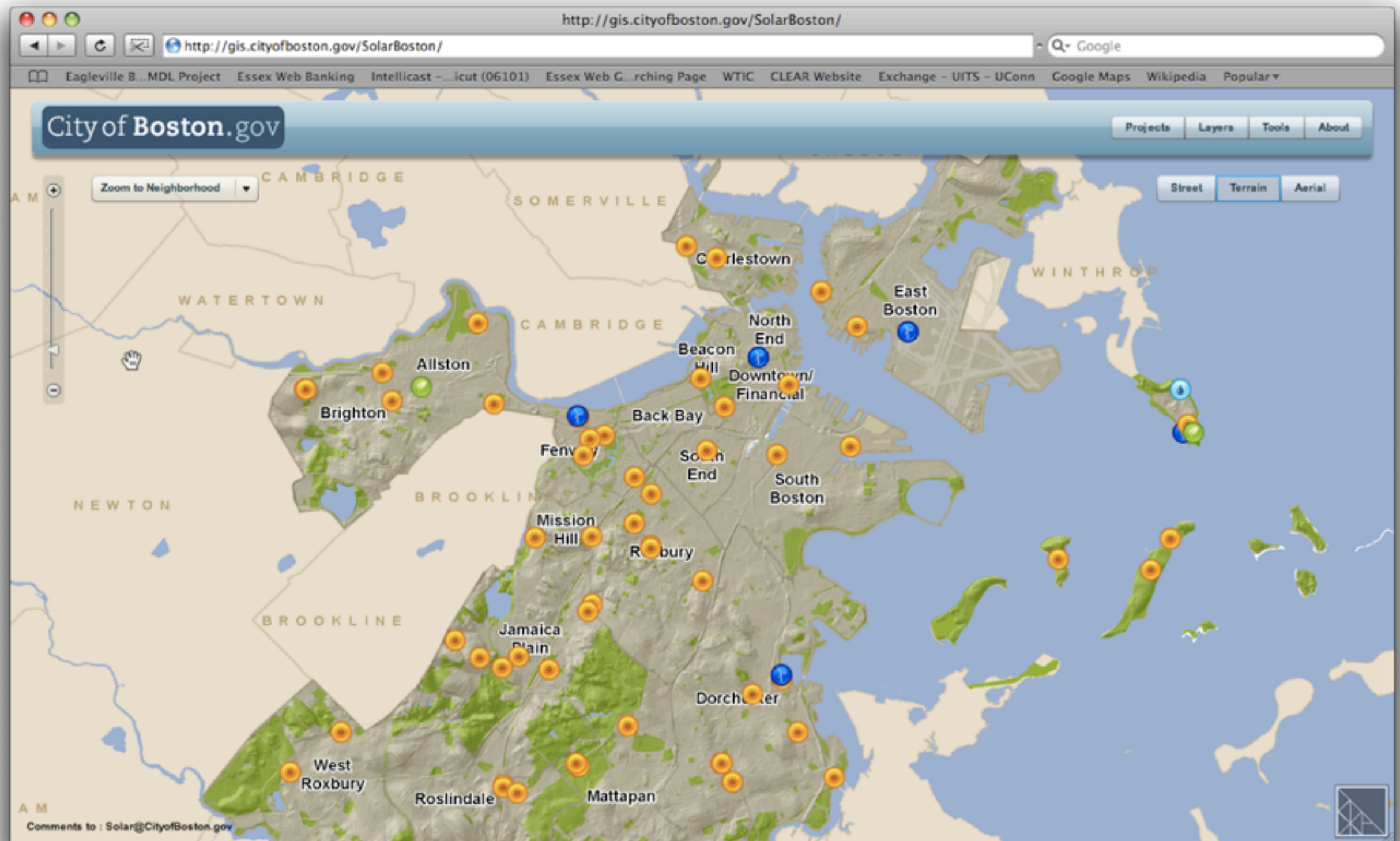
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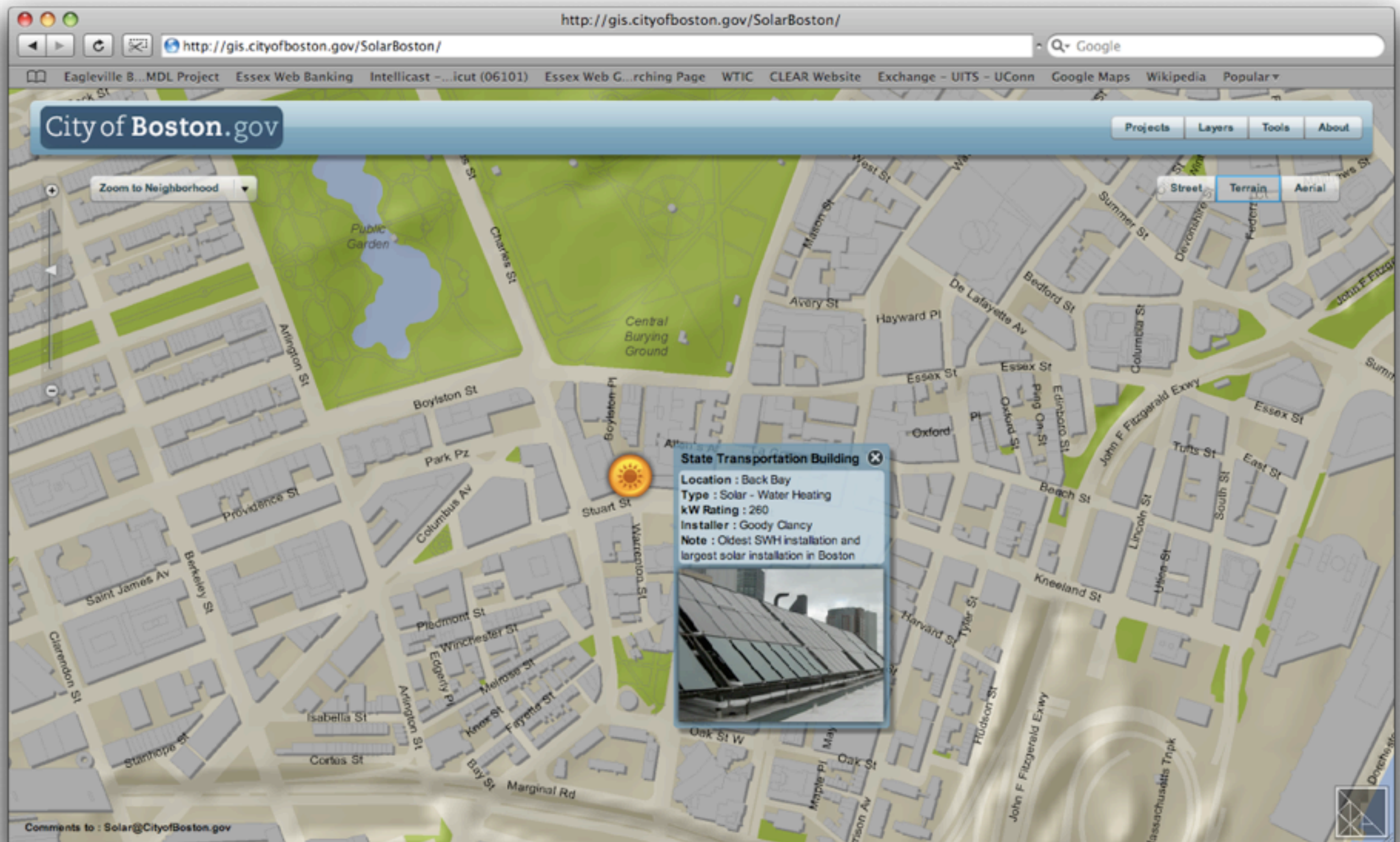
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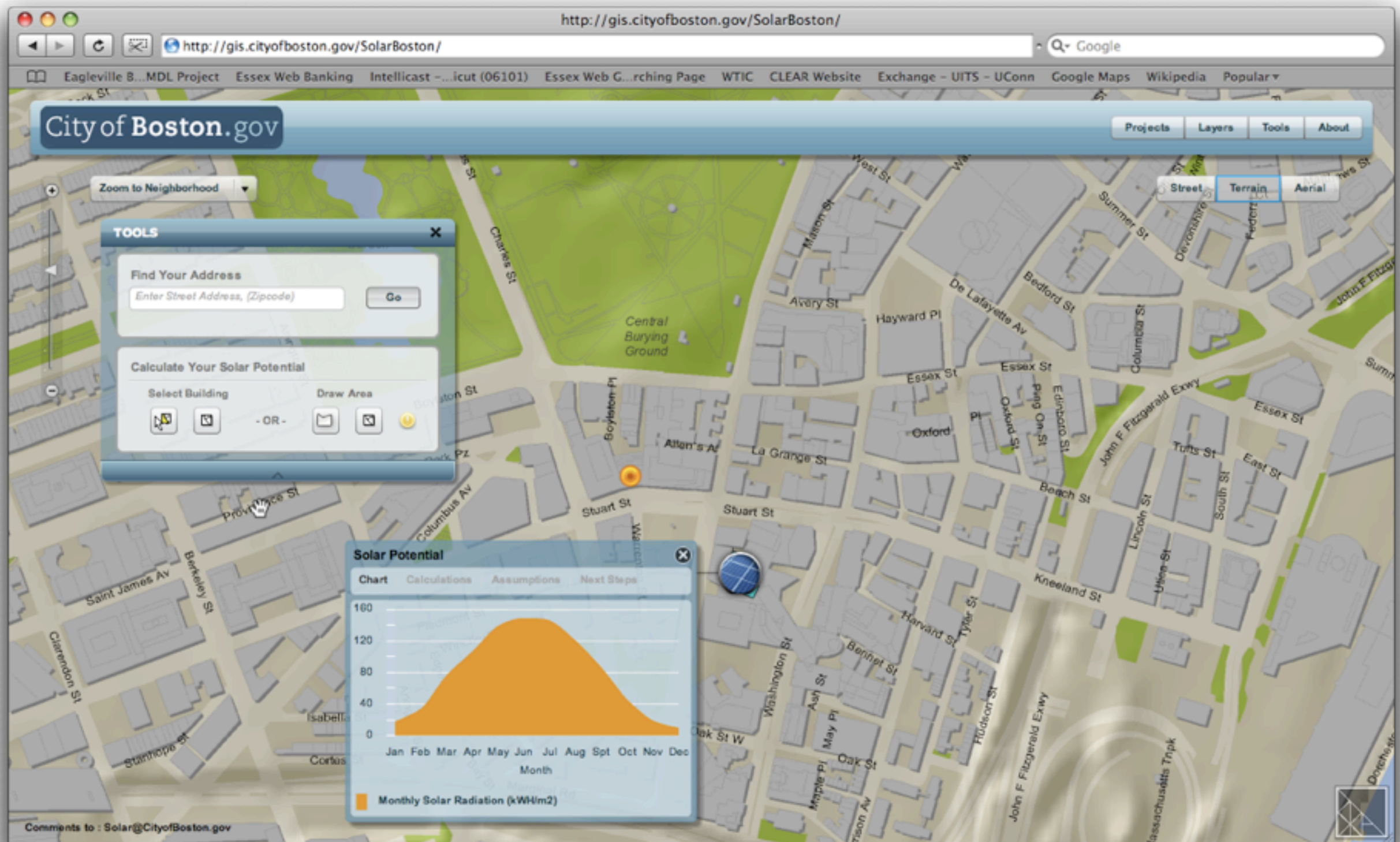
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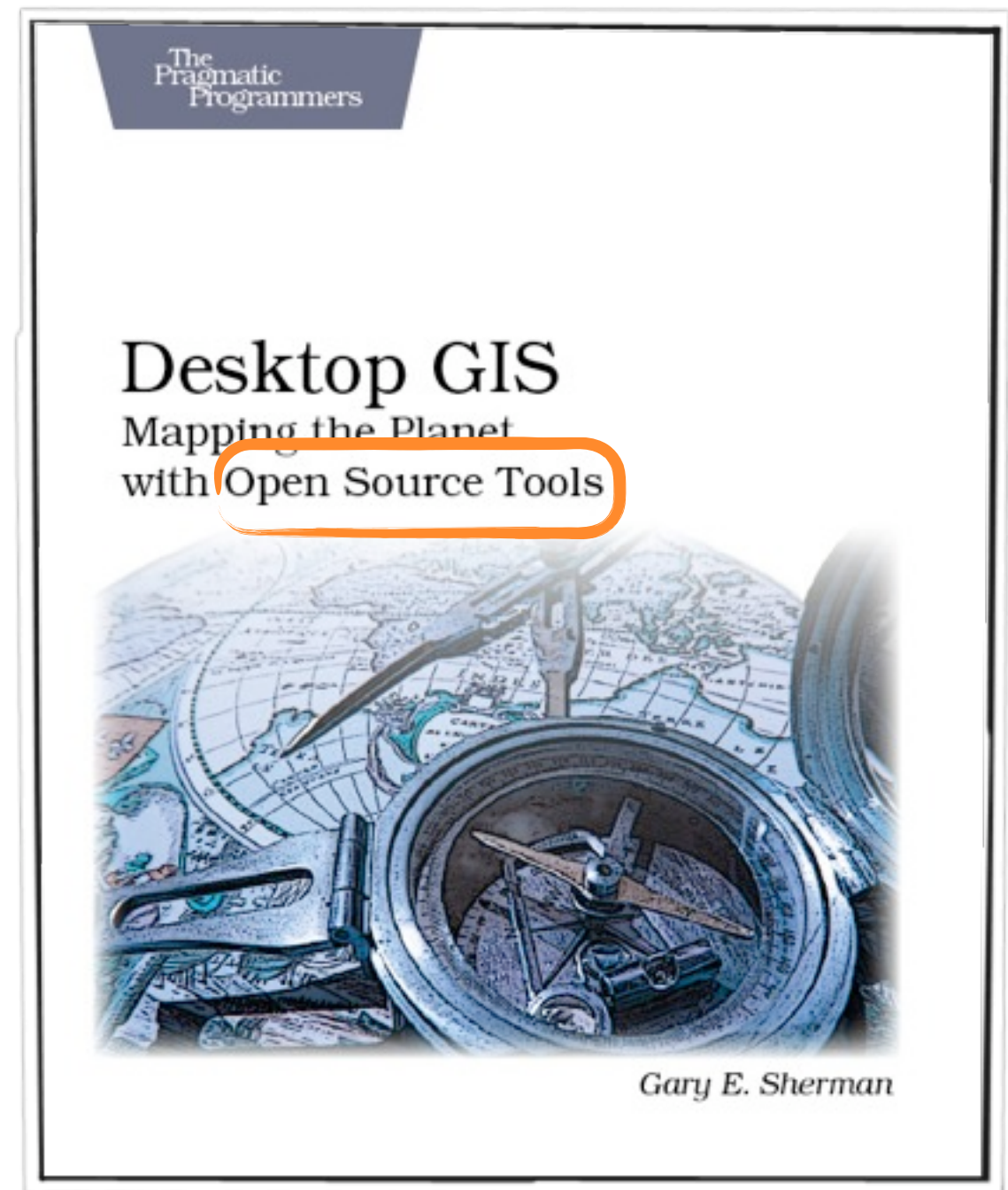


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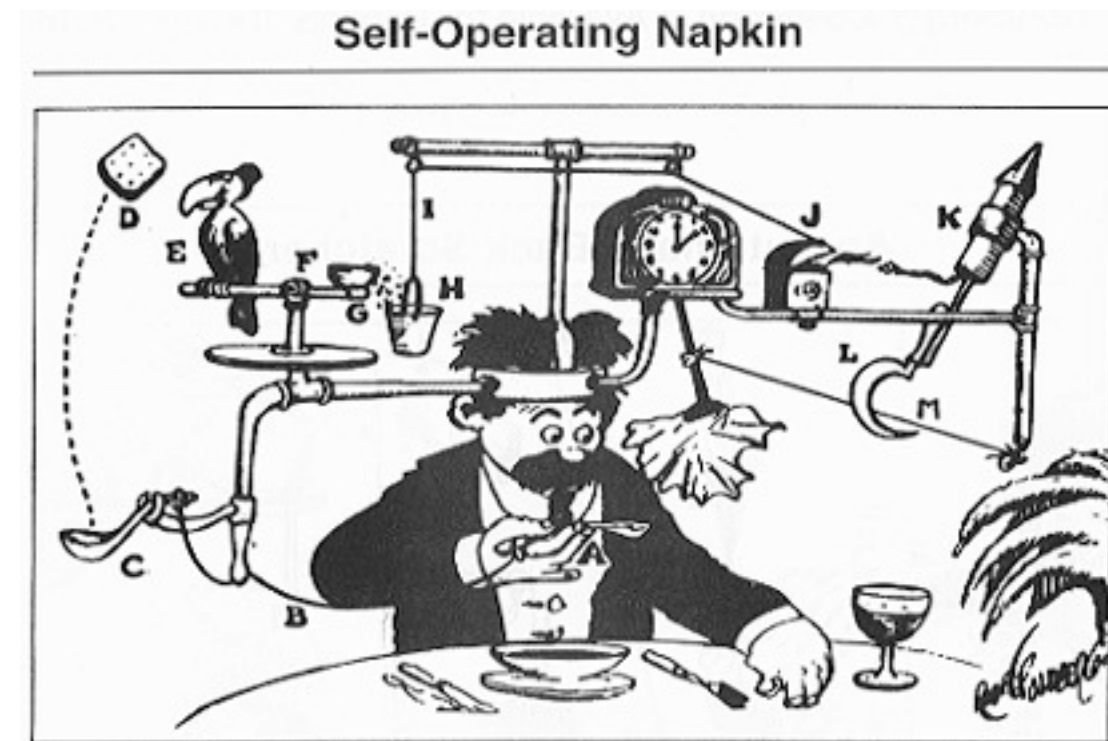
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This is an incredibly
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Today's Tour de Force to include....

- Communities as the target audience
- The evolution of geospatial technologies & decision support
- Deep thoughts, with examples



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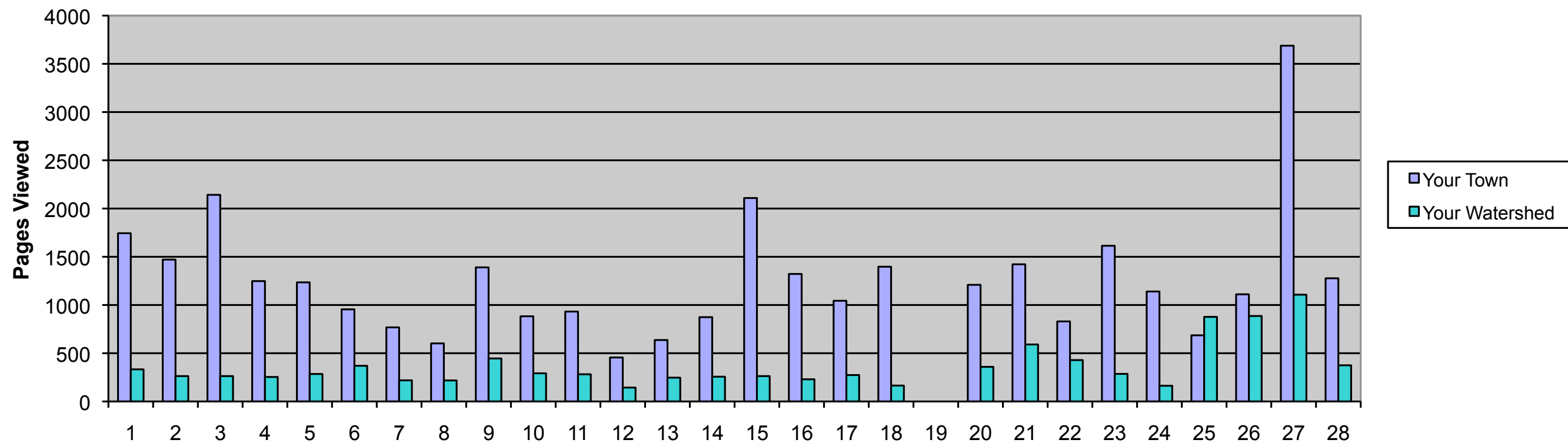
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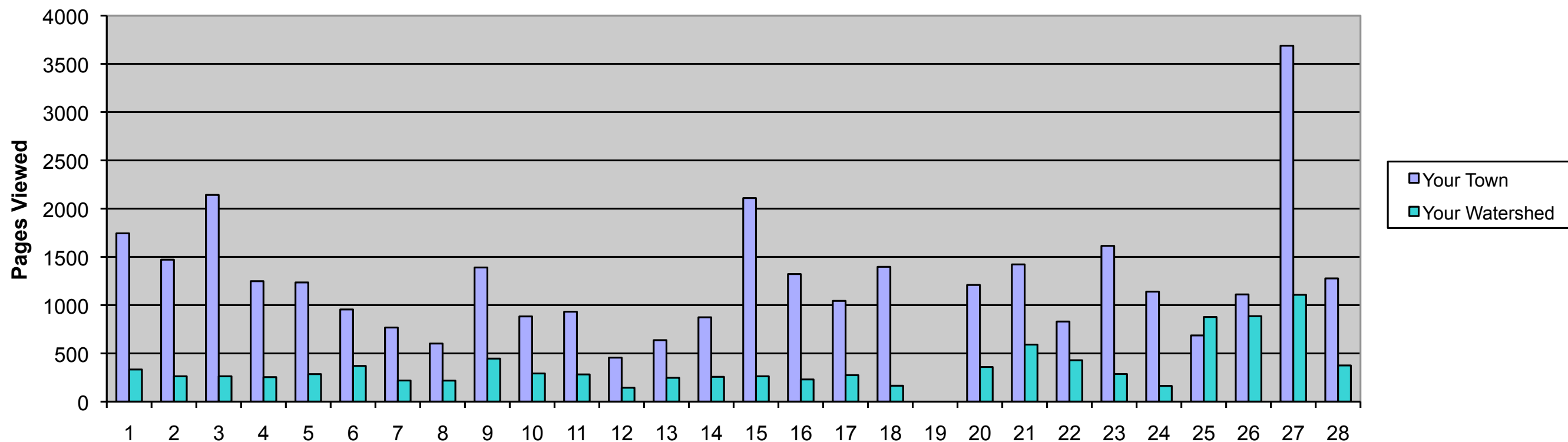
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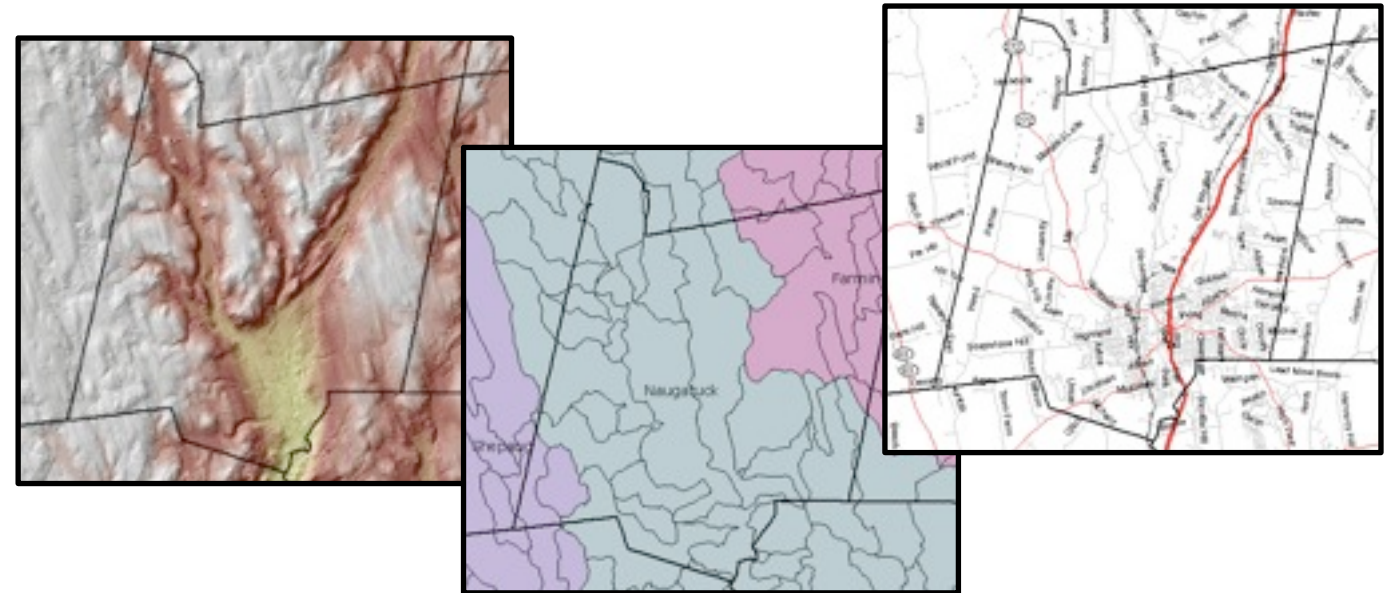


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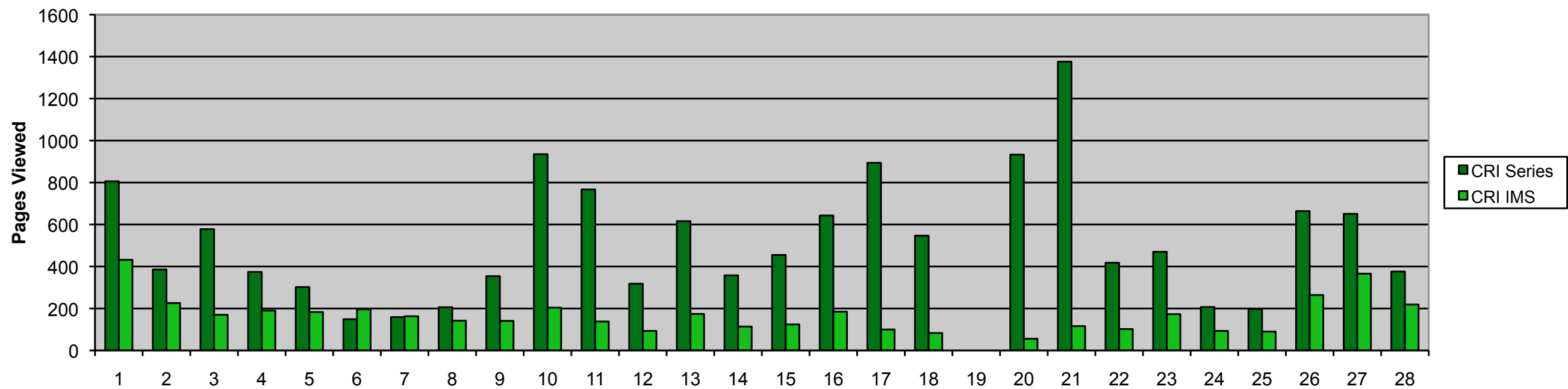


Information packaged by town is still the most popular by far (in CT)

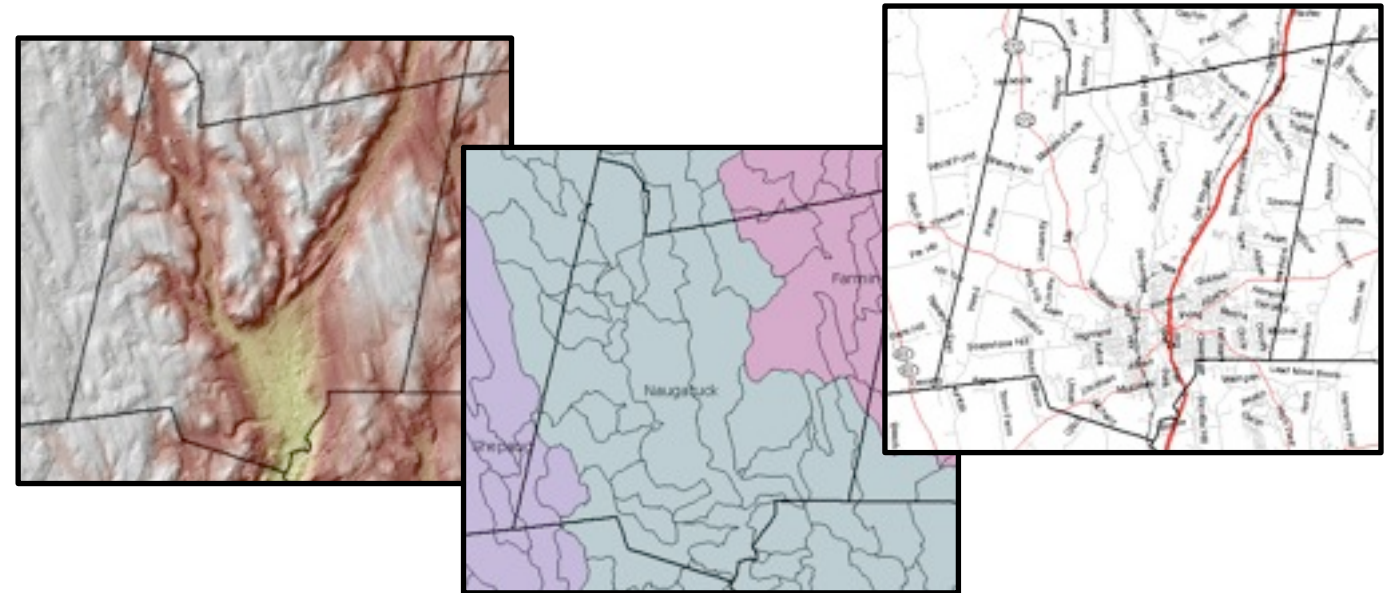
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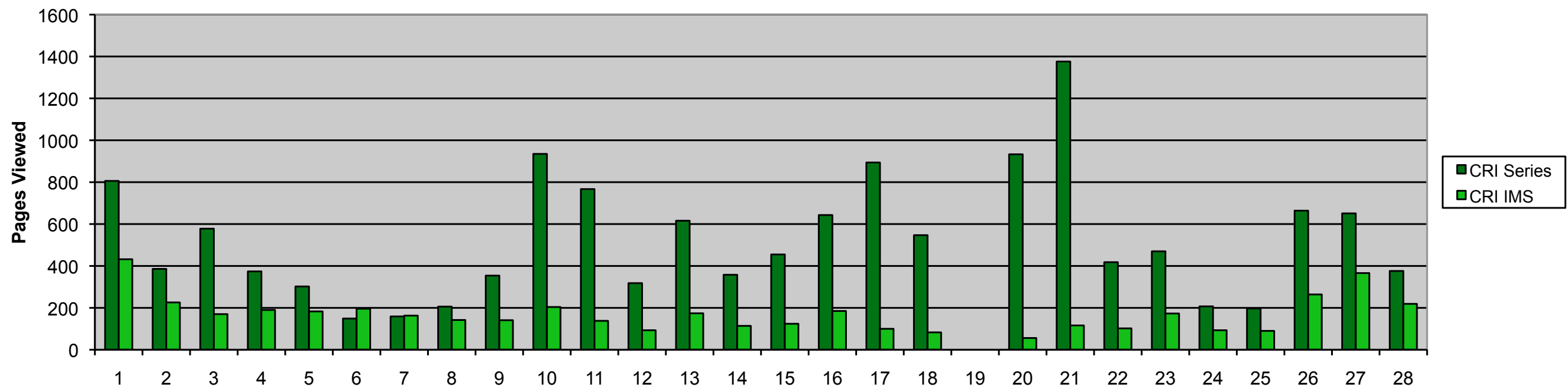
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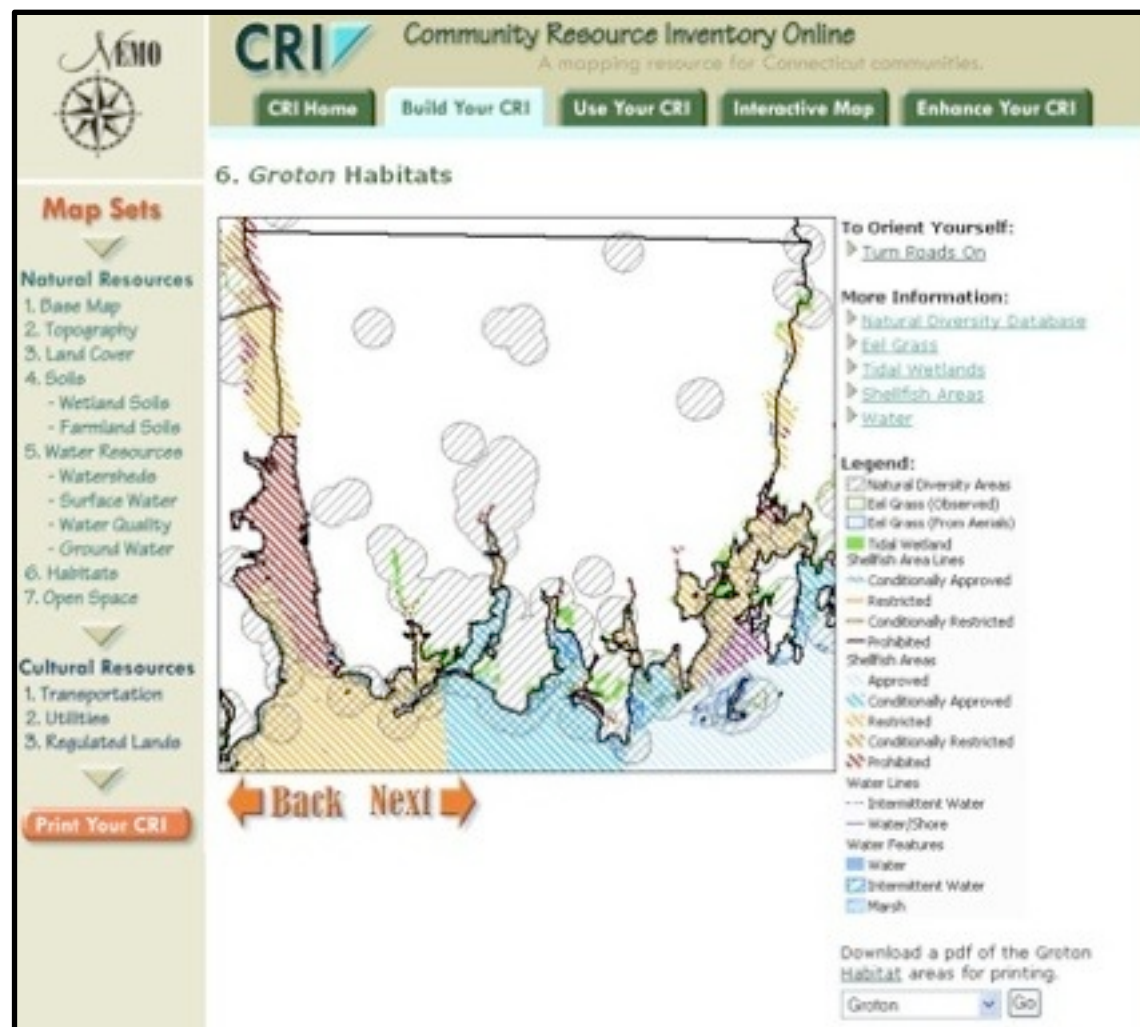


Community Resource Inventory



Basic static maps are more popular than interactive mapping by far (in CT)

“Franchising” the Online CRI



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Job Opportunity: EBM Tools Training Coordinator

NatureServe, on behalf of the Coastal-Marine EBM Tools Network (www.ebmtools.org), is seeking an EBM Tools Training Coordinator. S/he will coordinate the development and delivery of training on tools and toolkits to facilitate integrated land-sea management and marine spatial management. Training focus will be on U.S. West Coast management communities but will include other U.S. and international organizations as well. The Training Coordinator will:

- Work with partners to understand their tool needs and capabilities
- Develop and/or lead the development of tools training for coastal and marine resource managers, decision makers, and stakeholders
- Integrate tools components into coastal-marine management and conservation trainings
- Adapt and disseminate training materials for other audiences.

The ideal applicant will have an advanced degree in coastal-marine science or policy, planning, or a related field; a minimum of three years of directly-related work experience; demonstrated experience with the use and application of GIS or other geospatial analysis tools; demonstrated ability to design, deliver, and evaluate adult learning activities; and excellent oral and written communication and facilitation skills. The Tools Training Coordinator will be co-managed by NatureServe (coordinator of the Coastal-Marine EBM Tools Network) and NOAA Coastal Services Center. The Training Coordinator will be based at the NOAA Coastal Services Center West Coast Regional Office in Oakland, California (co-located with the offices of the California Ocean Science Trust). He/she will be an employee of NatureServe which offers a competitive benefits package.

[Learn more](#) about this job and how to apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the position is open until filled. Application submission by mid-September is encouraged.

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Human activities on land and in the ocean are changing coastal and marine ecosystems and threatening their ability to provide important benefits to society, such as healthy and abundant seafood, clean beaches, and protection from storms and flooding. Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) is an innovative management approach to address these challenges. It considers the whole ecosystem, including humans and the environment, rather than managing one issue or resource in isolation. [Learn more about EBM.](#)

EBM tools are software or other highly documented methods that can help implement EBM by:

- Providing models of ecosystems or key ecosystem processes.

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 (15 days)

[October 7, 2009 Demonstration of Fledermaus by Erin Heffron of Interactive Visualization Systems](#)
 (22 days)

[October 19, 2009 MPA News-EBM Tools Network Webinar on More Lessons from](#)

Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) Tools

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Please enter your search criteria:

Tool name contains:

Developer name contains:

Category of tool:

Data collection tools

- Geophysical data collection tools (e.g. oceanographic, climate, or habitat data)
- Biological data collection tools (e.g. species or ecological community data)
- Socioeconomic data collection tools (e.g. economic, human use of resources, or coastal demographic data)

Ecosystem type:

Coastal

- Estuarine
- Freshwater
- Marine

Scientific expertise required:

General understanding of issues

- Some scientific background necessary
- Extensive scientific training required

Technical expertise required:

Basic computer skills sufficient

- Some computer/GIS/programming skills necessary
- Extensive computer/GIS/programming training required

Transferability:

Common and easily done

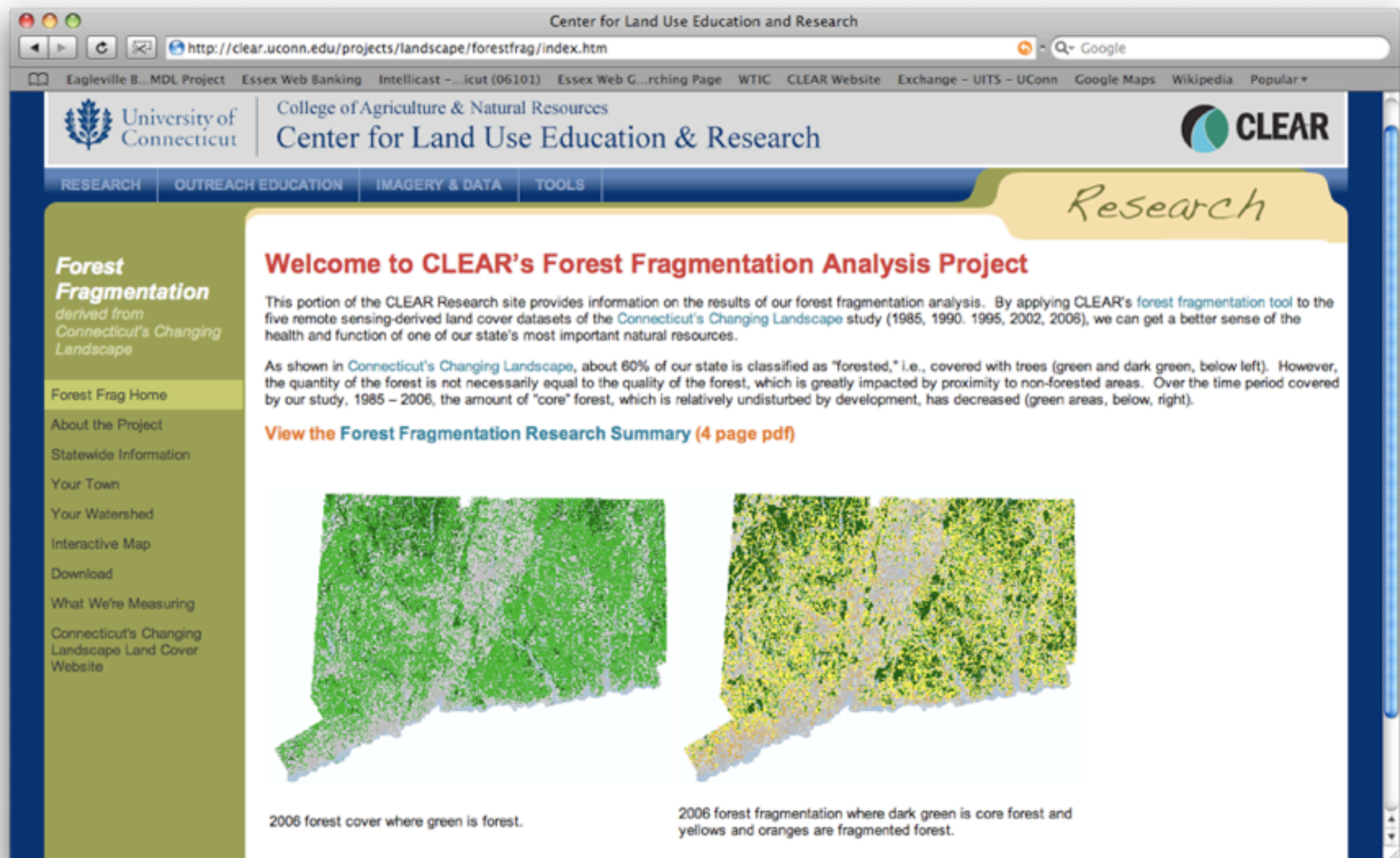
- Possible but not common
- Difficult

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Tool AGWA - Automated Geospatial Watershed Assessment Tool	
Description	The Automated Geospatial Watershed Assessment (AGWA) Tool is a GIS-based watershed management tool that parameterizes and runs two watershed models, KINEROS2 and SWAT.
Website	www.tucson.ars.ag.gov/agwa
Tool AmericaSpeaks- 21st Century Town Meeting	
Description	AmericaSpeaks provides citizens with a greater voice in planning and policy-making by integrating keypad polling and groupware computers with authentic public deliberation. AmericaSpeaks has
Website	www.americaspeaks.org
Tool AQUATOX	
Description	AQUATOX is a mechanistic simulation model for aquatic systems. AQUATOX predicts the fate of various pollutants, such as nutrients and organic chemicals, and their effects on the ecosystem, including fish,
Website	http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/models/aquatox/
Tool ARIES - ARTificial Intelligence for Ecosystem Services	
Description	ARIES is a web-based technology offered to users worldwide to assist rapid ecosystem service assessment and valuation (ESAV). Its purpose is to make environmental decisions easier and more
Website	http://ecoinformatics.uvm.edu/aries
Tool ASSETS	
Description	ASSETS is a screening model that can be used as an integrated approach for eutrophication assessment. This model provides an overall classification of the eutrophication status of the system into
Website	www.eutro.org/register
Tool Atlantis	
Description	Atlantis is an ecosystem box-model intended for use in management strategy evaluation. The overall structure of Atlantis is based around having multiple alternative submodels to represent each step in
Website	www.csiro.au/science/ps3i4.html#1
Tool BathyFusion Toolbox	
Description	BathyFusion Toolbox is an ASA in-house modeling tool as well as a commercially available ArcGIS extension that enables fusion of disparate topographic or bathymetric data sources into a unified high
Website	http://www.asascience.com/software/housetools/bathyfusion.shtml
Tool Blueline Group (formerly UGrow)	

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CLEAR Forest Fragmentation Analysis Project website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/landscape/forestfrag/index.htm>. The website header includes the University of Connecticut logo, the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, and the Center for Land Use Education & Research. A navigation menu contains links for RESEARCH, OUTREACH EDUCATION, IMAGERY & DATA, and TOOLS. A handwritten "Research" note is visible on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area is titled "Welcome to CLEAR's Forest Fragmentation Analysis Project" and provides information about the project's goals and findings. It mentions that the project applies CLEAR's forest fragmentation tool to five remote sensing-derived land cover datasets from the Connecticut's Changing Landscape study (1985, 1990, 1995, 2002, 2006). The text explains that while about 60% of the state is classified as "forested," the quantity of forest is not necessarily equal to the quality of the forest, which is greatly impacted by proximity to non-forested areas. Over the time period covered by the study (1985 – 2006), the amount of "core" forest, which is relatively undisturbed by development, has decreased. A link is provided to "View the Forest Fragmentation Research Summary (4 page pdf)". Below the text are two maps of Connecticut. The left map is titled "2006 forest cover where green is forest." and shows the state with green areas representing forest cover. The right map is titled "2006 forest fragmentation where dark green is core forest and yellows and oranges are fragmented forest." and shows the state with dark green areas representing core forest and yellow/orange areas representing fragmented forest. A sidebar on the left contains links for "Forest Fragmentation derived from Connecticut's Changing Landscape", "Forest Frag Home", "About the Project", "Statewide Information", "Your Town", "Your Watershed", "Interactive Map", "Download", and "Connecticut's Changing Landscape Land Cover Website".

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http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/landscape/forestfrag/index.htm

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Welcome to CLEAR's Forest Fragmentation Analysis Project

This portion of the CLEAR Research site provides information on the results of our forest fragmentation analysis. By applying CLEAR's forest fragmentation tool to the five remote sensing-derived land cover datasets of the Connecticut's Changing Landscape study (1985, 1990, 1995, 2002, 2006), we can get a better sense of the health and function of one of our state's most important natural resources.

As shown in Connecticut's Changing Landscape, about 60% of our state is classified as "forested," i.e., covered with trees (green and dark green, below left). However, the quantity of the forest is not necessarily equal to the quality of the forest, which is greatly impacted by proximity to non-forested areas. Over the time period covered by our study, 1985 – 2006, the amount of "core" forest, which is relatively undisturbed by development, has decreased (green areas, below, right).

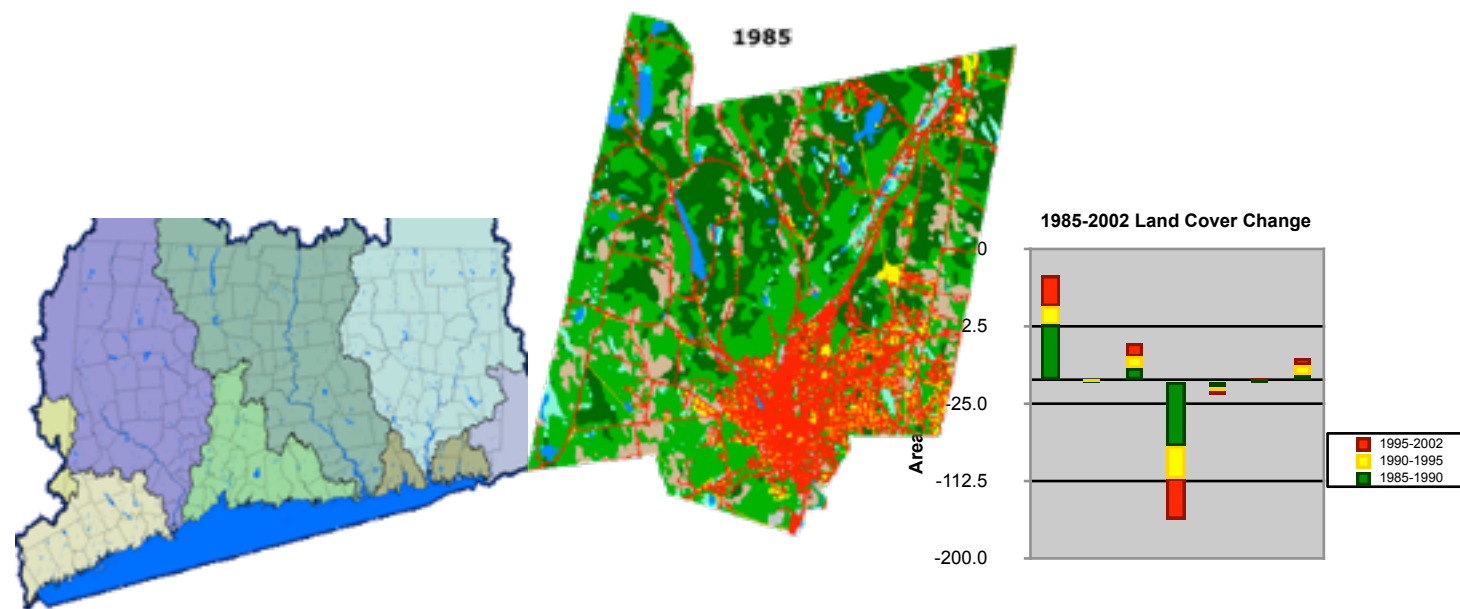
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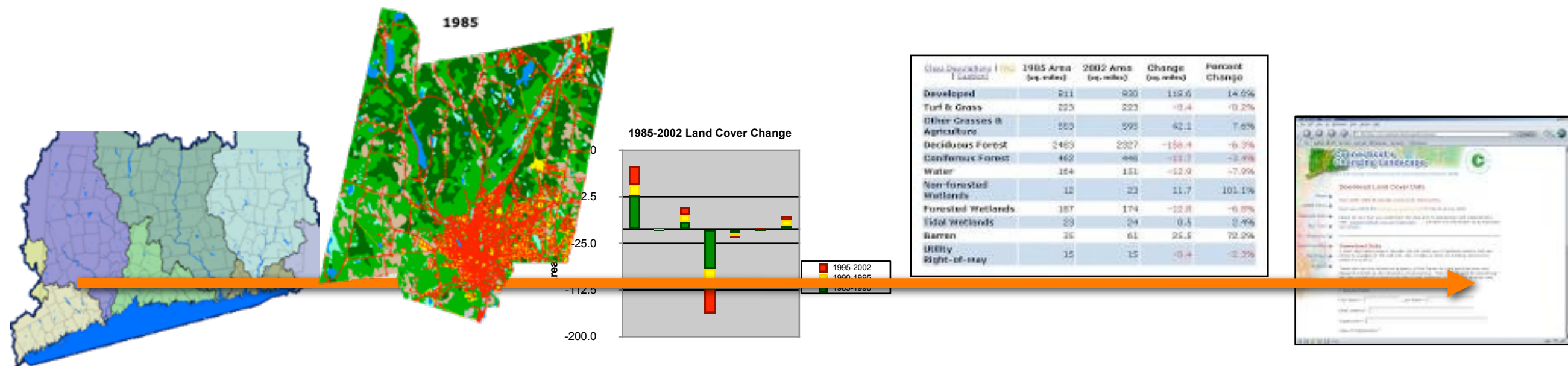


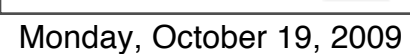
Class Description (1985)	1985 Area (sq. miles)	2002 Area (sq. miles)	Change (sq. miles)	Percent Change
Developed	211	230	19.6	14.6%
Turf & Grass	223	223	0.4	0.2%
Other Grasses & Agriculture	553	595	42.1	7.6%
Deciduous Forest	2463	2327	-136.4	-5.5%
Coniferous Forest	462	446	-16.7	-3.6%
Water	154	151	-3.9	-2.5%
Non-forested Wetlands	12	23	11.7	101.1%
Forested Wetlands	187	174	-13.8	-6.8%
Tidal Wetlands	23	24	0.5	2.4%
Barren	35	61	26.5	72.2%
Utility Right-of-way	15	15	0.4	2.3%



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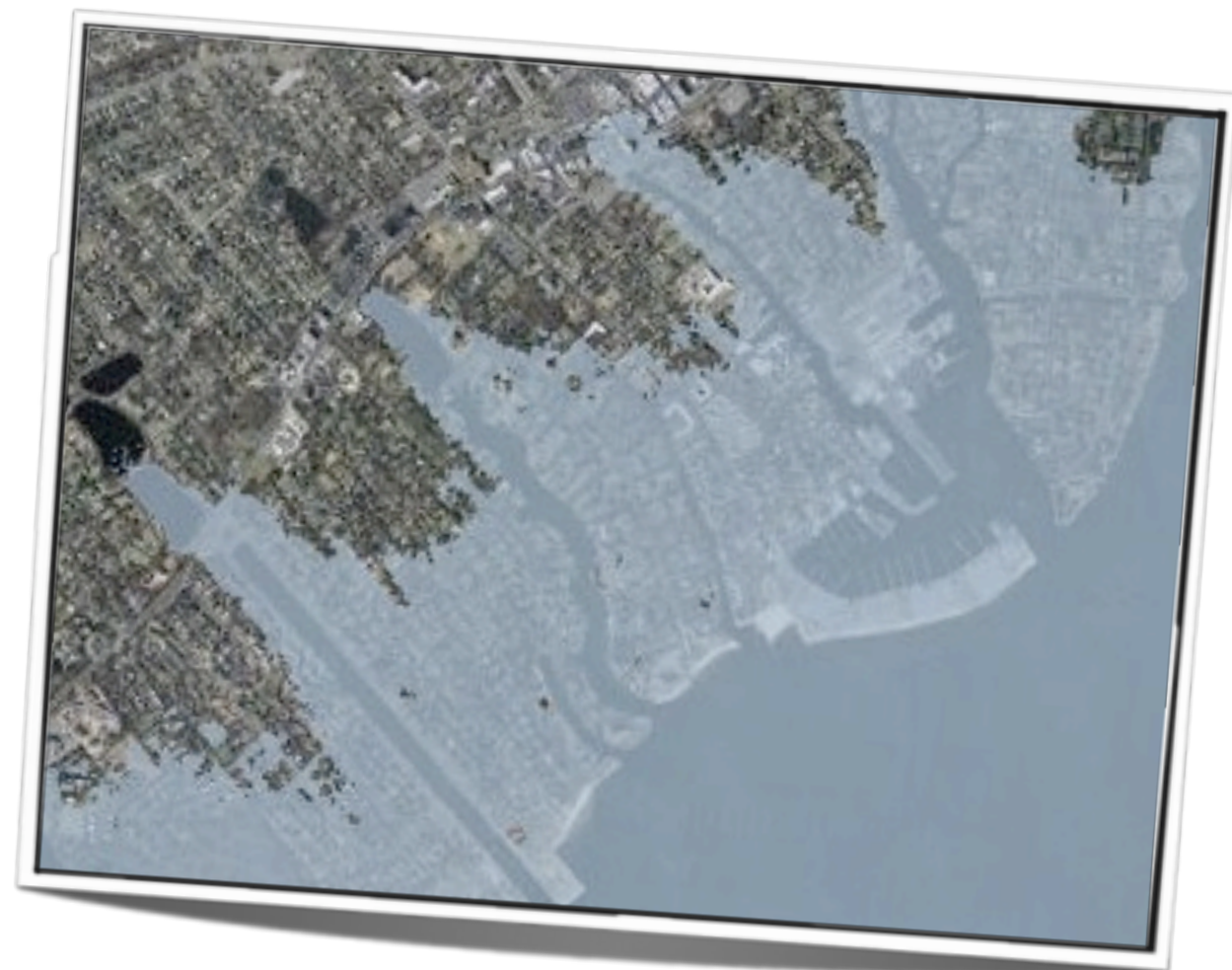


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Two examples

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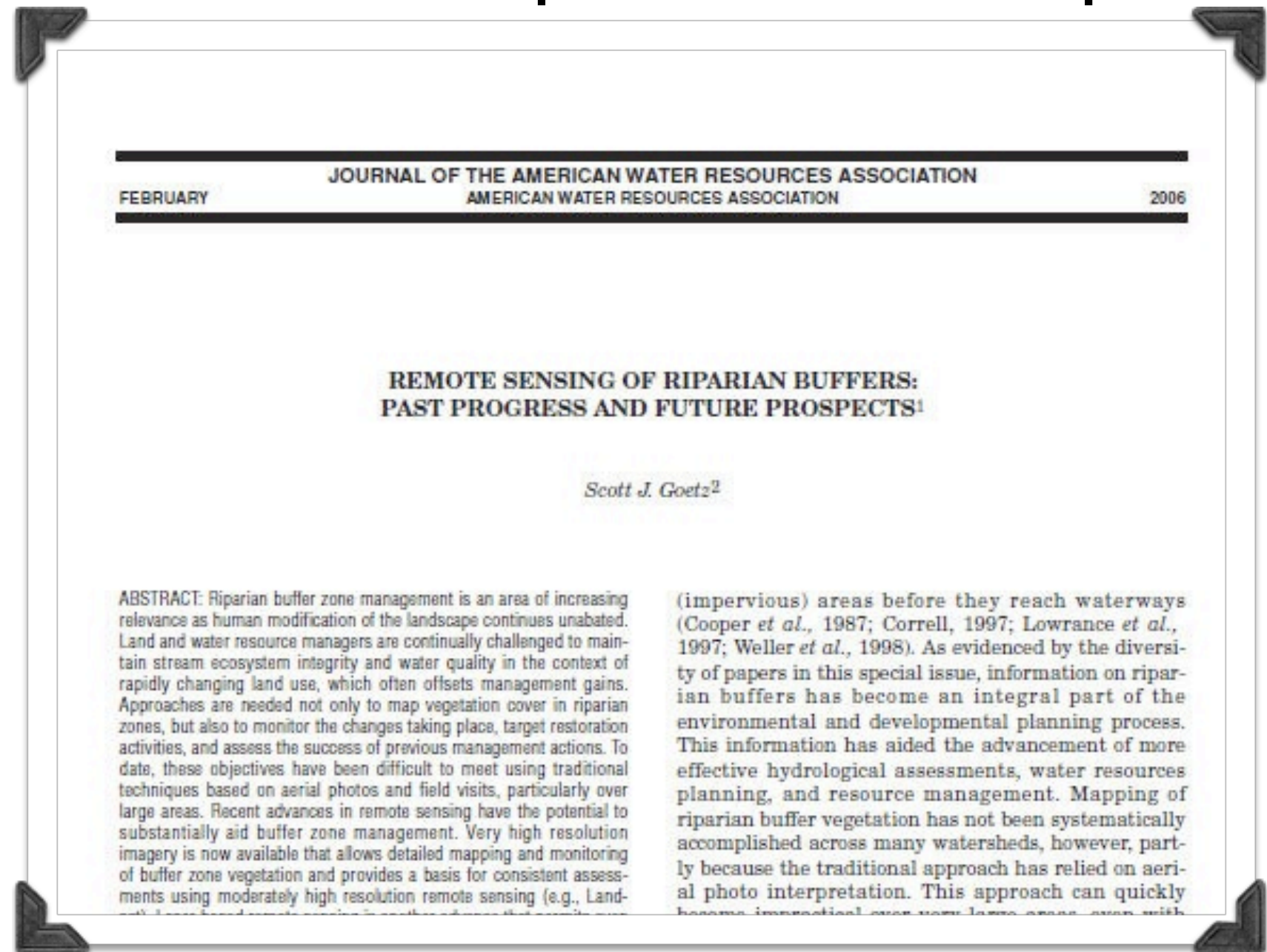


Example 1: Riparian buffers & nitrogen input to coastal waters



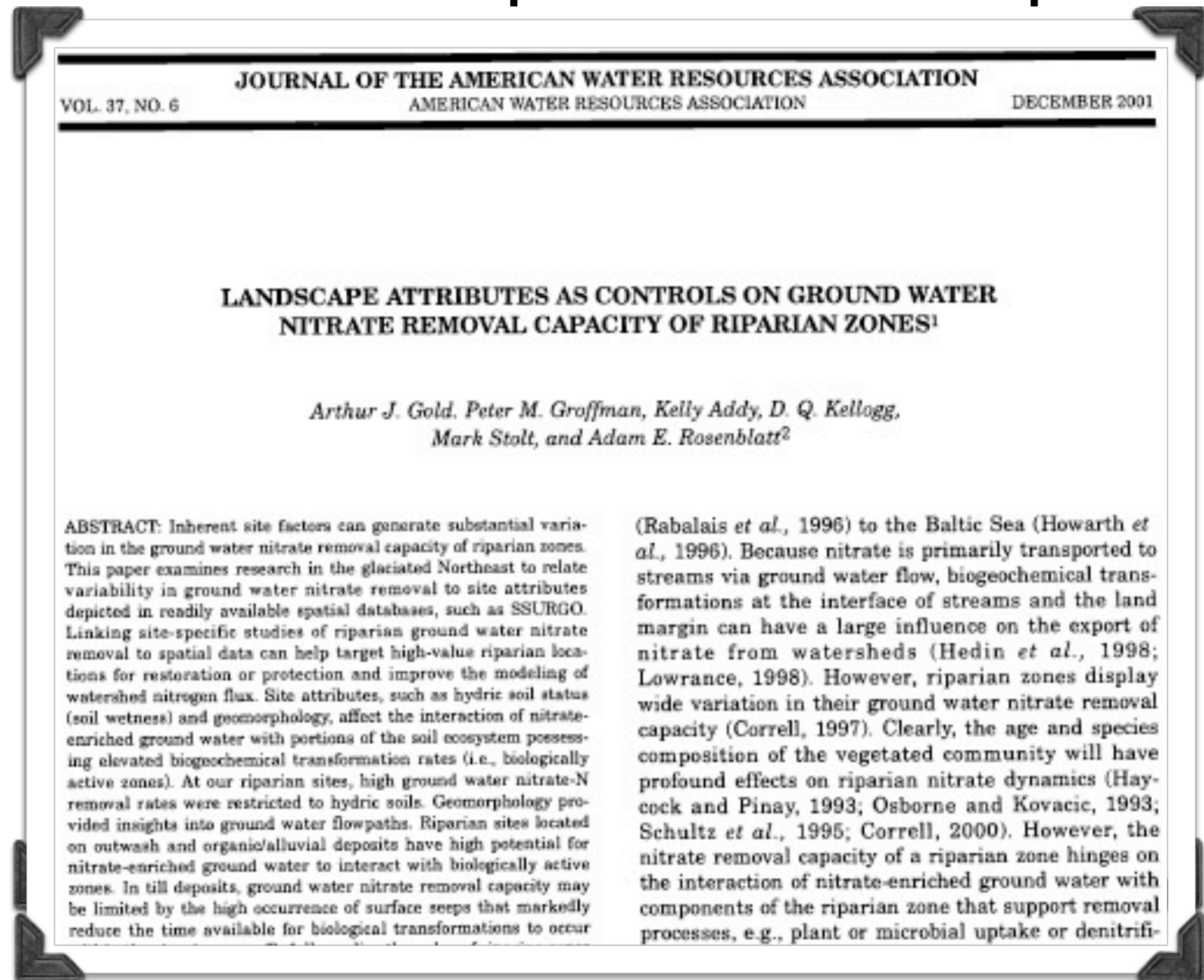
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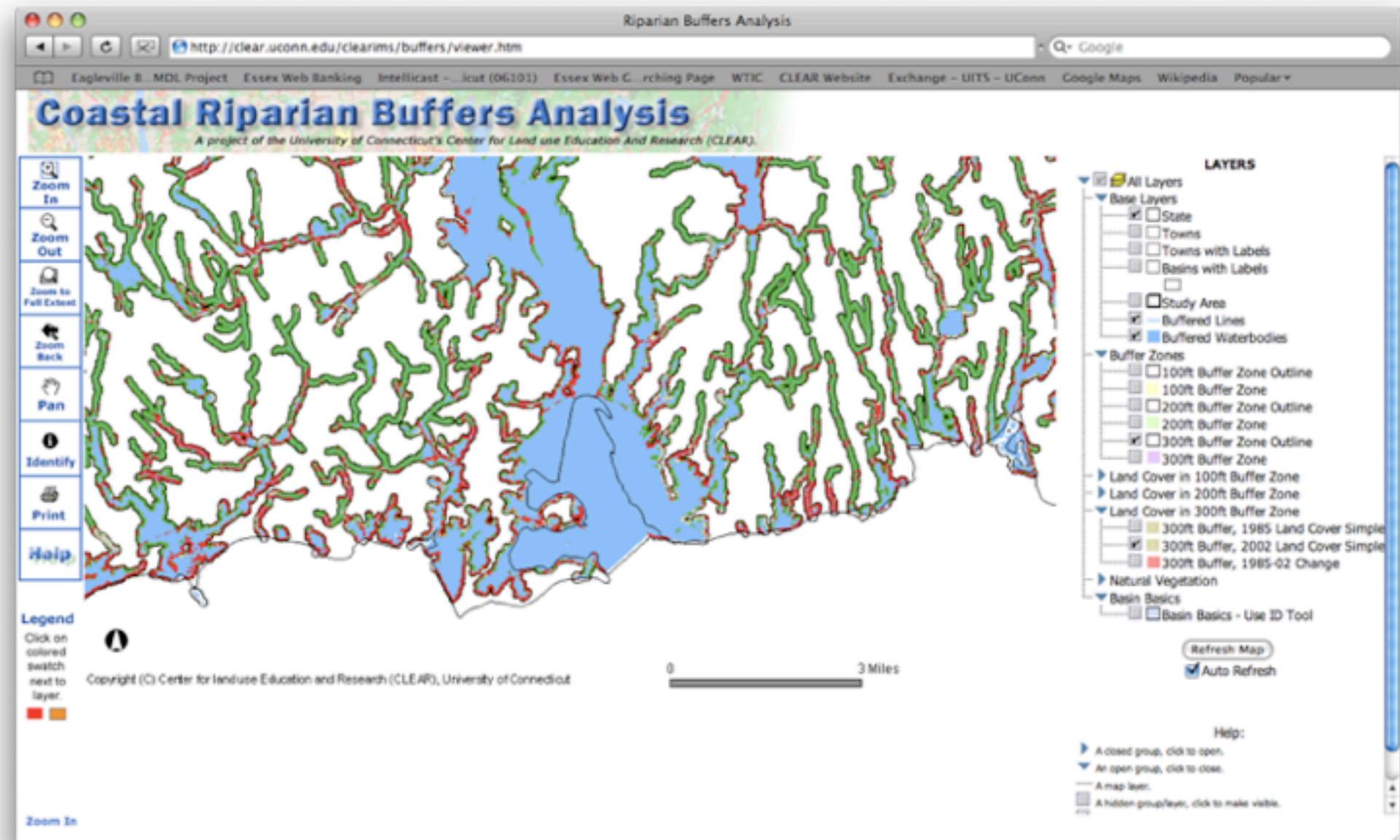
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Technical tools & training:

- construct tools to assess land cover and change in riparian zones (UConn & many, many others)
- construct tools to assess nitrogen-processing riparian zones (URI & UConn)



Outreach to Communities: *tbd*

- Where do riparian buffers need to be protected?
- How wide do they need to be?
- What mechanisms do we use to protect them??

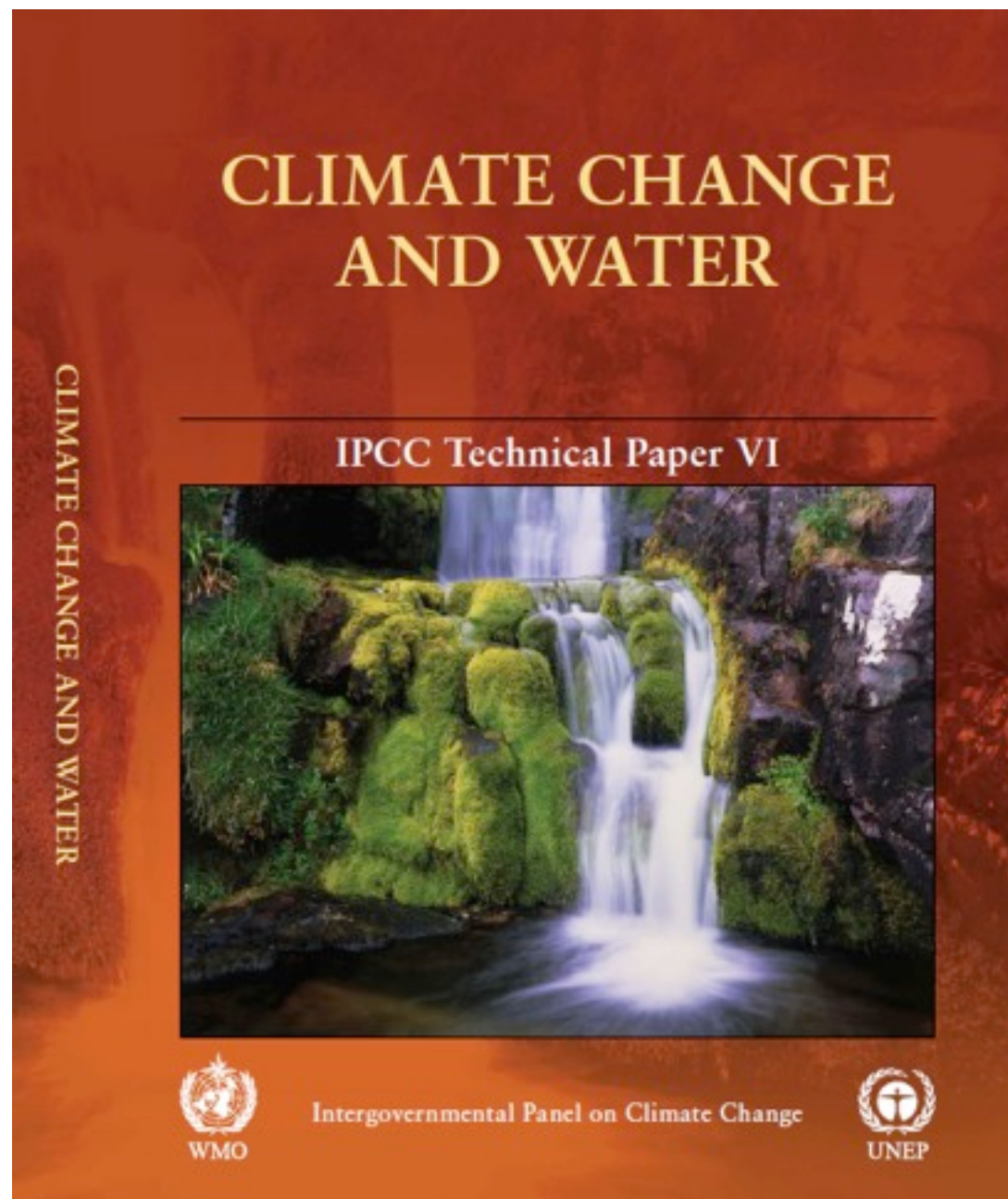


Example 2: Climate change-induced sea level rise



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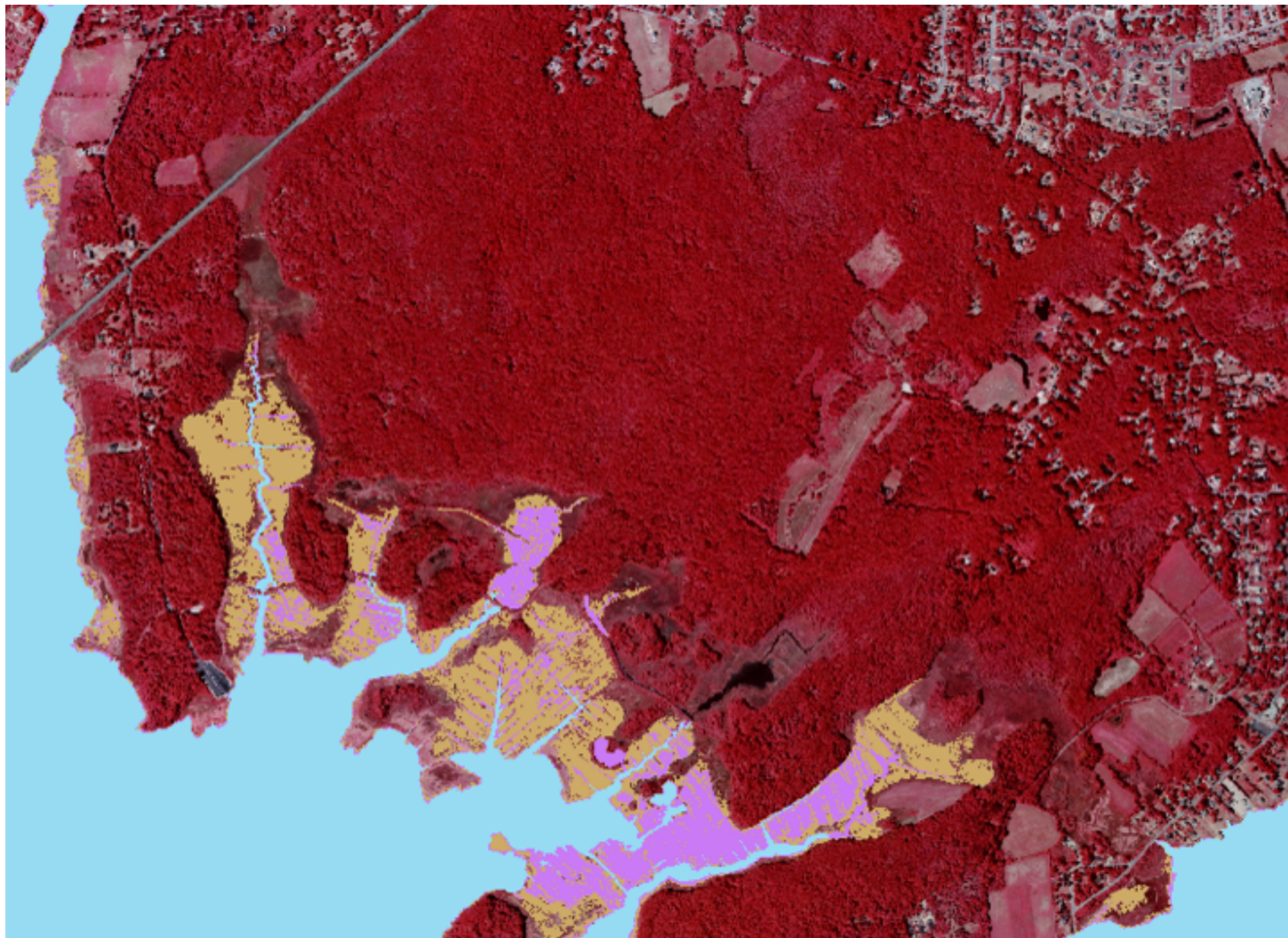
- determine rate & amount of climate change-related sea level rise and other natural resource impacts



Higher water temperatures and changes in extremes, including floods and droughts, are projected to affect water quality and exacerbate many forms of water pollution – from sediments, nutrients, dissolved organic carbon, pathogens, pesticides and salt, as well as thermal pollution, with possible negative impacts on ecosystems, human health, and water system reliability and operating costs (*high confidence*). In addition, sea-level rise is projected to extend areas of salinisation of groundwater and estuaries, resulting in a decrease of freshwater availability for humans and ecosystems in coastal areas.

Finer scale research:

- determine impact of climate change on coastal resources and/or community infrastructure

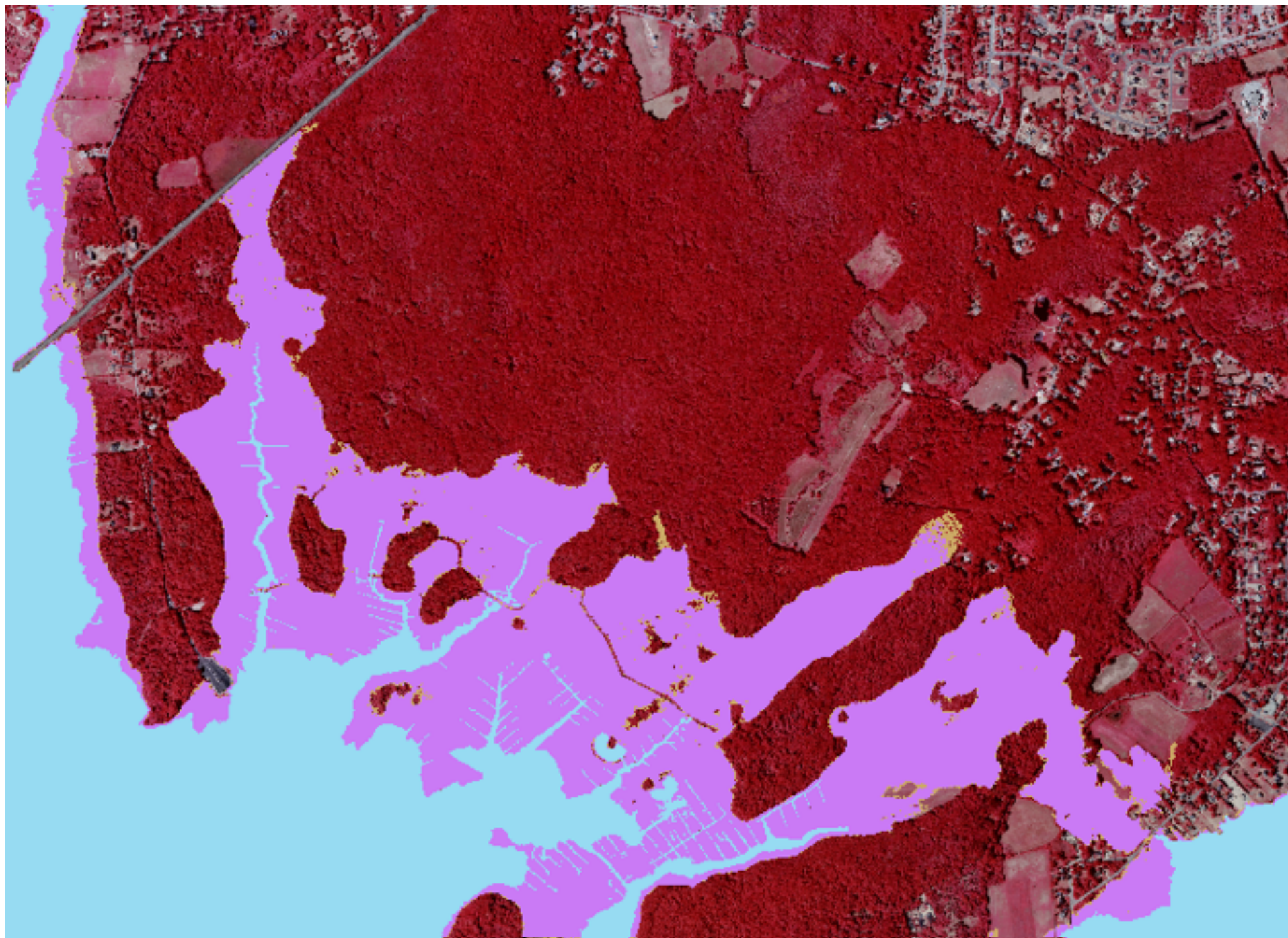


Legend

- High Marsh
- Low Marsh
- Water

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Technical tools & training:

- what will this sea level rise look like in specific localities, and what are the physical and economic impacts?

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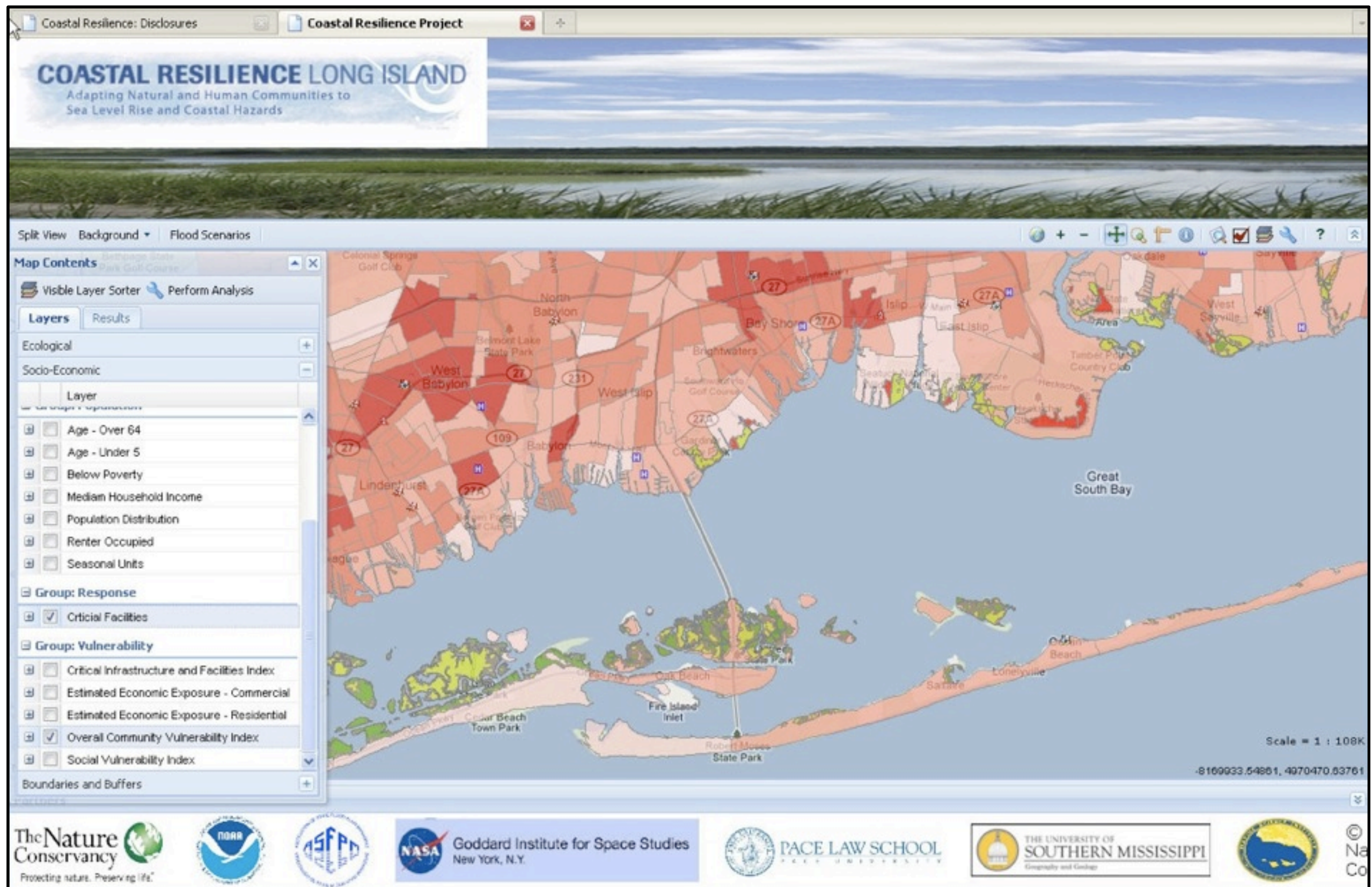


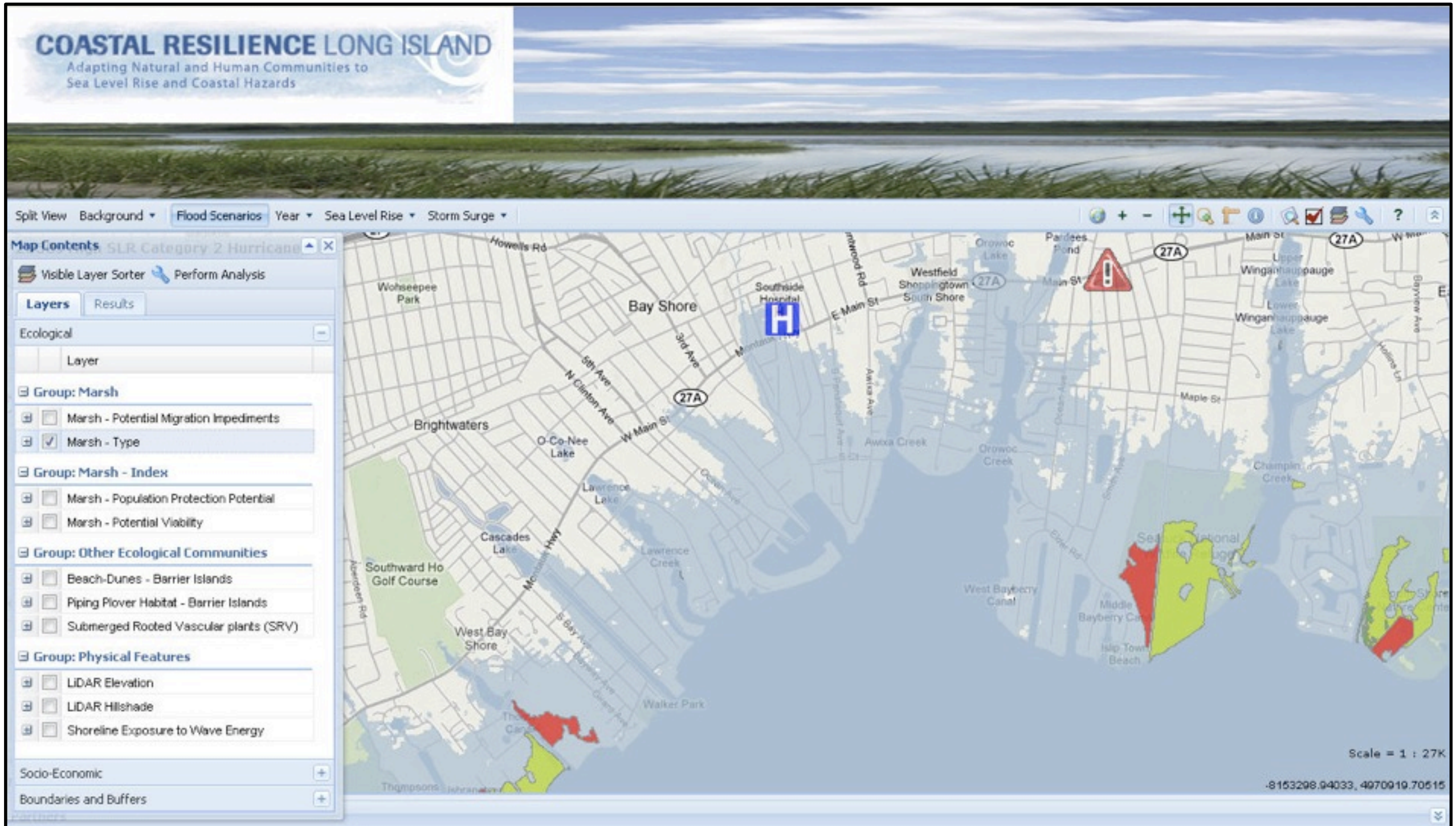
The Issue
Sea level rise, flooding and
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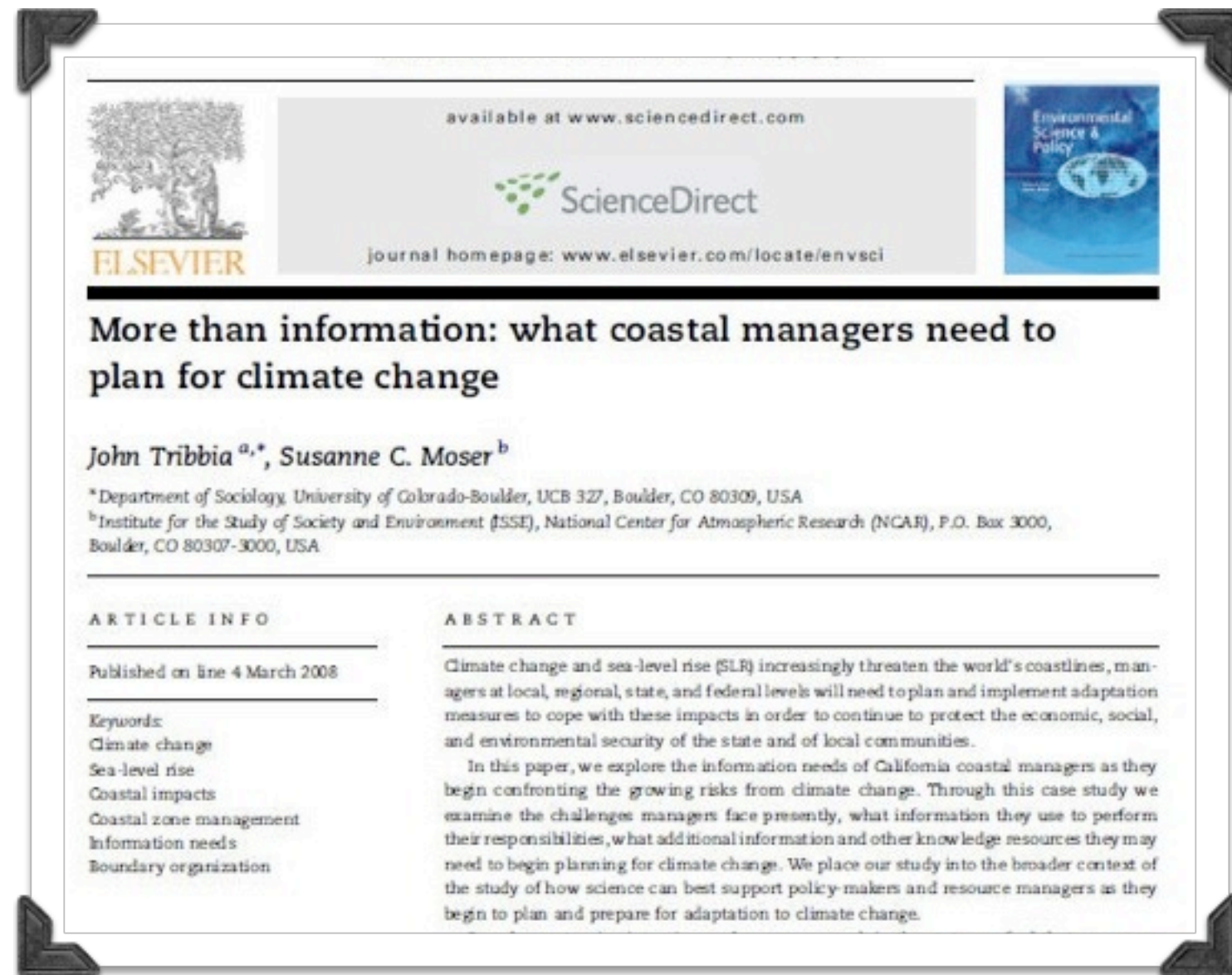
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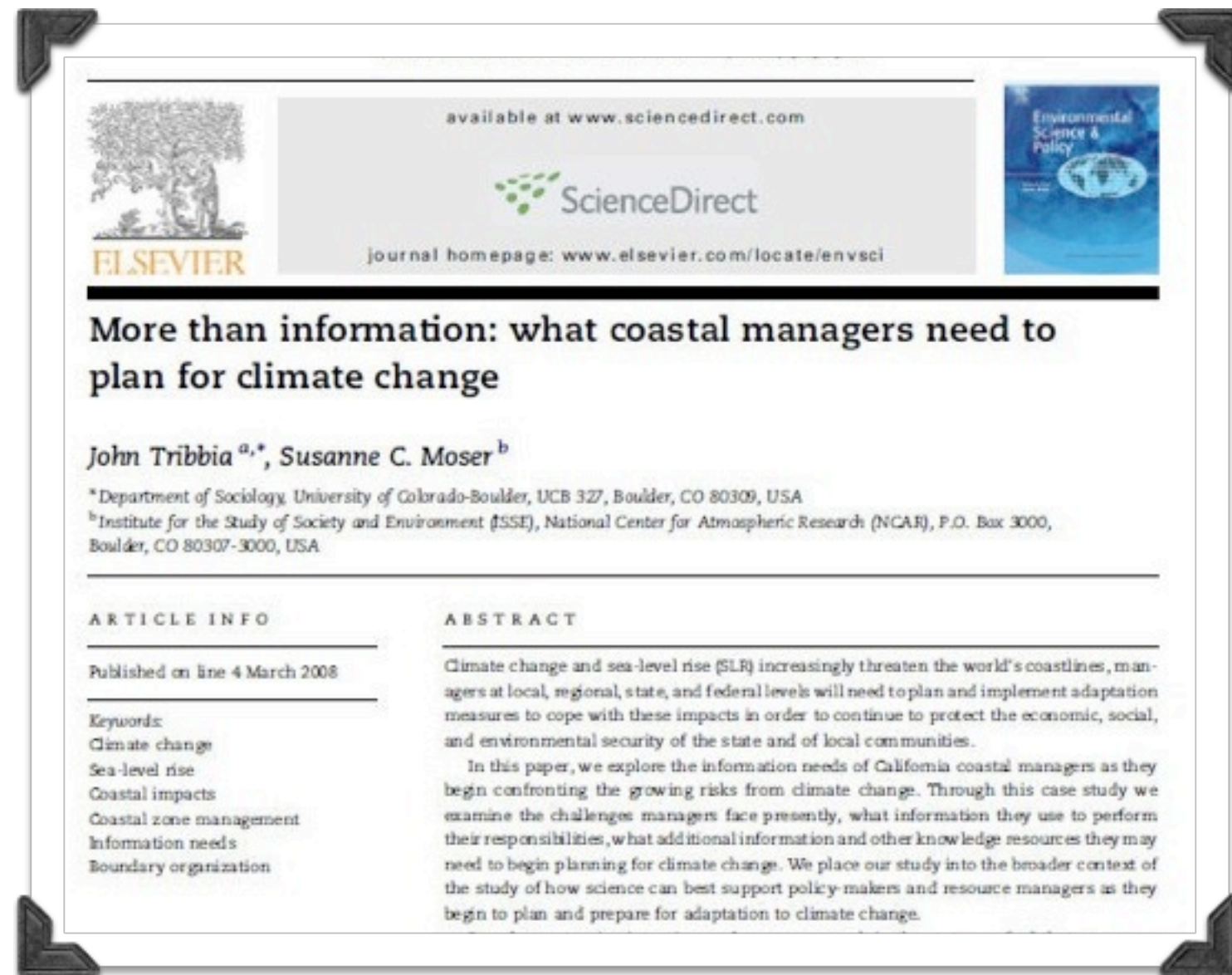


- Stormwater management
- infrastructure planning
- overlay zones
- open space protection
- building codes
- and much more...

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Support tools-related projects that

- ✓ create the data and understanding to fuel them
- ✓ show the creativity to adapt and apply them
- ✓ recognize the need to integrate them with outreach
- ✓ leverage their results



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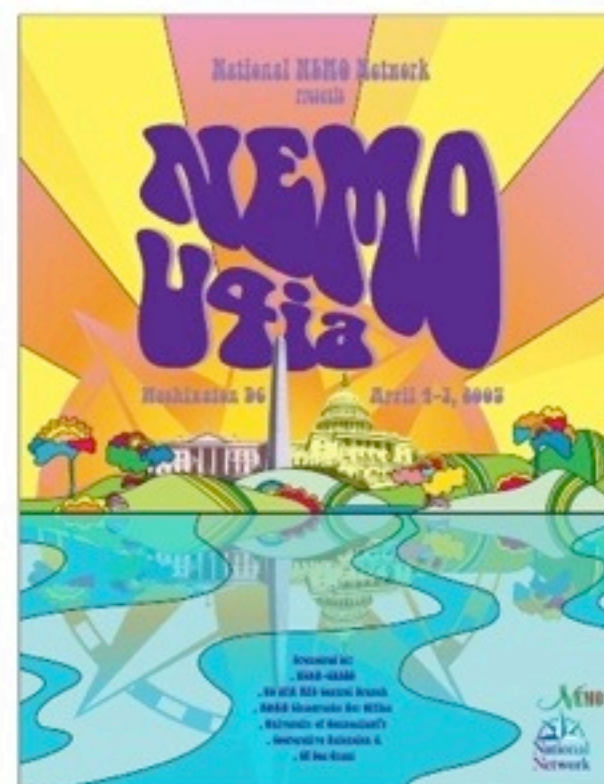
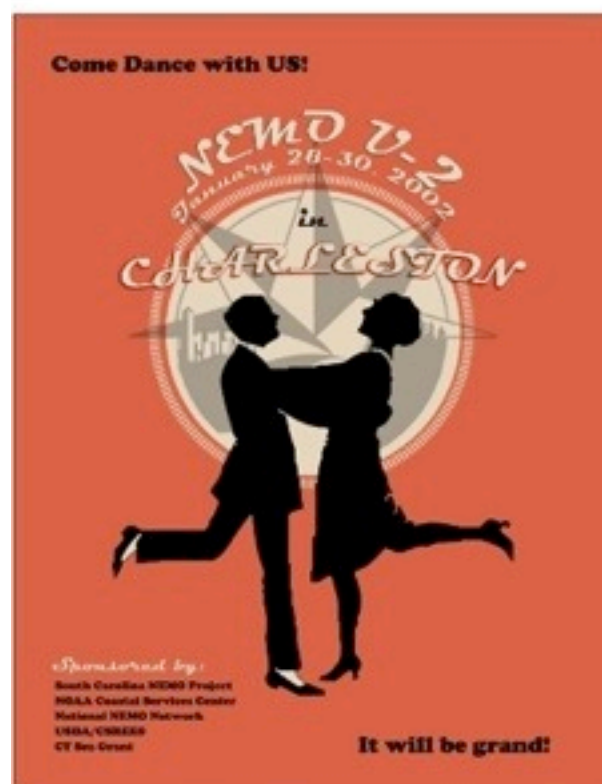
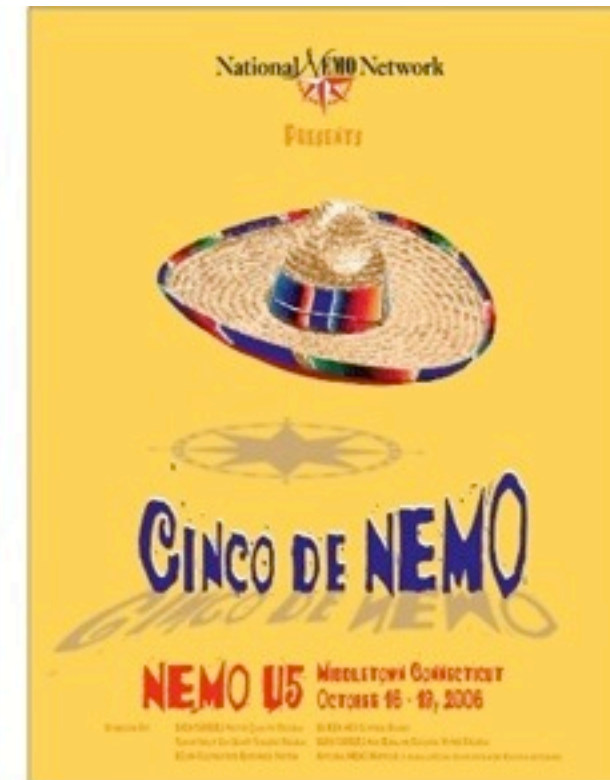
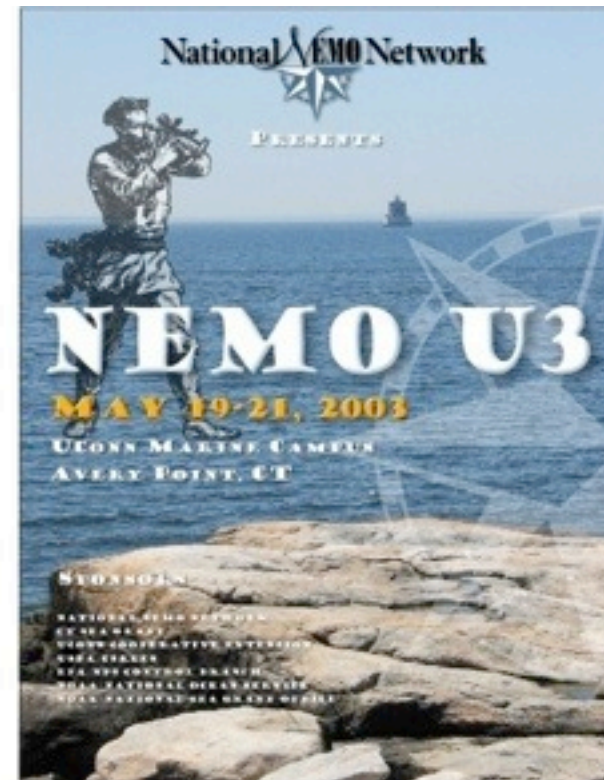
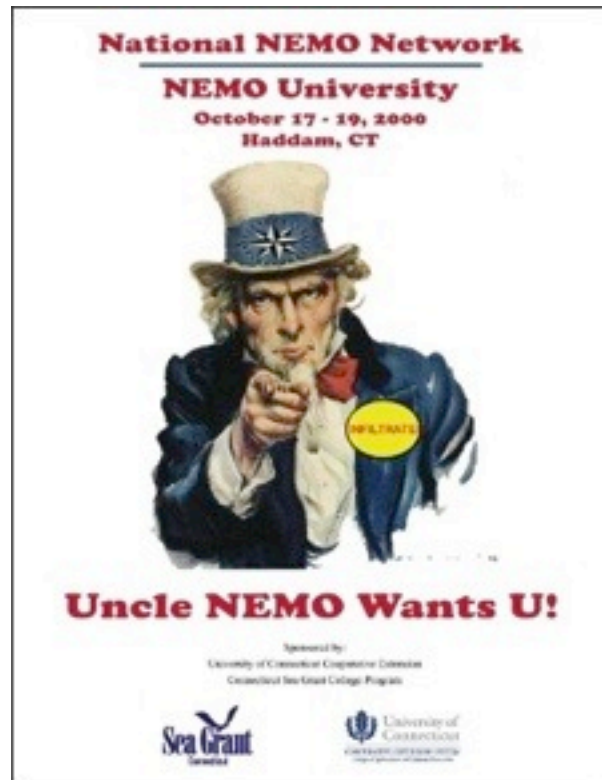


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